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Political police have been mobilized throughout Italy in an effort to trace Mussolini's body.—Associated Press and Reuter.

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Valedictory

Hong Kong's various communities have seldom revealed themselves to be more expressively unanimous than they are today in their tributes to Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt on the eve of his relinquishment of office as head of the Military Administration. The simple truth is enough; it calls for no elaborate adornment. It is that Hong Kong's chief regret in the new phase upon which the Colony is about to enter, the reversion to civil government, is that it involves the departure of an administrator whose temperament has endeared him to all, and whose capabilities and conscientiousness have contributed so importantly to the recovery from the chaos and confusion left by the Japanese occupation. His Excellency on landing in Hong Kong took over an unfamiliar task, demanding the highest attributes in vigour, initiative and wisdom of decision. It is possible to say, without fulsome praise or exaggeration, that the man matched the need. In part, this success has been due to two qualities invaluable in administration, the happy knack of knowing when to stand off the task and view it in broad perspective, and the ability to delegate authority and impart confidence to his subordinates. Sir Cecil has, in fact, worked with a happy and hard-working team, and the Colony's regret that it is to a large extent, to be broken up, is universal. To be plainer spoken would be to go over old ground, and at this time would serve no useful purpose. All that we can now do is pay our tribute to Sir Cecil Harcourt, to say "Thank you and Godspeed," and to assure him that the ceremonies in which he is now being invited to participate are a genuine mark of this Colony's esteem and regard.

The Greek Elections

Though the observers charged with supervising the Greek elections have not yet reported, the general view seems to be that on the technical side the voting arrangements were reasonably free and fair. The Populists—the Right Wing, who favour the return of the King—have won a clear majority of seats over the other two main contesting parties, the Centre Bloc and the Liberals. The EAM parties, who urged abstention, demonstrated that though they command only a minority of votes in the country, it is a very substantial minority. Latest estimates put the figure of non-voters at well over 45 per cent.; not all of these were deliberate EAM abstentions, but the larger proportion obviously was. Since the Centre Bloc, the Liberals and EAM are all republican parties, the results of the polling do not constitute a mandate for a return of the monarchy, but rather show that there is a republican majority in the country. From a practical point of view the results are singularly unhelpful. Britain at one time entertained the hope that after a poll it would be possible safely to entrust Greek affairs either to a broad-based national coalition or to a majority Government with a constitutional opposition. That hope has not been realised, and the political dilemma, both for Britain and Greece, is unresolved. The elections have roughly revealed the strength of the opposing factions; there is unfortunately no prospect that they will lead to that moderate and reconciling statesmanship which alone can get Greece out of its political and economic difficulties.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

The Big Top Camps Among The Skyscrapers

The American spring song, on a note of triumph, now proclaims the leadership of the United States among the nations.

The music shouldn't be displeasing to our ears, for it is in harmony with British ideals and interests. So even if the crescendo is overpitched and the fortissimo blaring to the point of harshness, it is better that we should applaud.

President Truman's words and States Secretary Byrnes' actions during the past few days, despite a hint of arrogance, spelled good news for Britain.

Counter This Slur!

And although the headlines here read "President Warns Russia and the British Empire," almost everyone knows that the admonition was not addressed to America's sister democracy.

Only one recent development in Anglo-American relations jars, and that is the insistence in many quarters, but not in the White House or the State Department, that there are now only two Great Powers—the U.S. and U.S.S.R.—and that the British Empire is a lagging third—weak, impoverished, and declining.

This we should reject with spirit and scorn. The theory of our deterioration in power is too widespread here.

It is a favourite theme of editorials, articles, radio commentaries, and after-dinner speeches.

It is the duty and responsibility of our Government, its Foreign Office and Information services to counter the slur and prove that we take our place in strength and influence alongside the Soviet and the U.S.

Peace On Tour

This typhoon of feeling against Russia has blown itself out, but the latest Soviet demand may bring a resurgence of hostile opinion and a renewal of tensions, particularly if the Kremlin again attempts unilateral action or bold bluff.

At Hunter College in the Bronx there is comparative tranquillity. Some U.N.O. delegates, however, are resentful at the inability of the U.S. to find U.N.O. a home and headquarters.

It is humiliating to be forever packing bags and seeking lodgings like an unwelcome tourist, and there are officials who say President Truman might have illustrated his fervent endorsement of the United Nations by furnishing suitable accommodation.

The Russians have been irked by the shortcomings in hospitality, and although previous they had been opposed to reopening Geneva as the peace capital, they may change their minds.

Gromyko Winced

Gromyko has winced under the pitiless publicity, the trailing packs of reporters, the flashbulbs and cameras thrust into his face, the newsreel crews that shadow his limousine.

The advice of the nationalist, mass-selling Press to U.N.O. hasn't helped. "Goodbye, please," these papers say. "Do the American people a favour by getting completely out of the U.S. Go to North West Mexico, where are racing tracks, gambling joints, hot springs, and Hollywood sweeties to while away the tedious."

Public interest in the proceedings has declined drastically, and there's no need for the barricades and police outside Hunter College.

As a pageant or a drama, the meeting has been a side-show compared to the conferences at the Hague.

The latest Bronx bromide is that Russia's next demand will be for the secret of the tidal wave.

Remembering F D R

One year ago this week Franklin Roosevelt died, and his memory today is sharp and insistent all over America.

He is the unforgotten man, and there are a thousand memorial services, radio programmes, and public gatherings in his honour.

There are huge photographs of the late President in store-

windows, a mammoth poster in Times-square, yet not even a tiny portrait of him in Hunter College.

Paying tribute to Roosevelt's greatness, the newspapers are also carefully analysing Harry Truman's record during his first year of office. On the whole the verdict is favourable. Truman himself thinks his leadership has been fair without being spectacular.

More and more the President is turning to study of the Bible, and he constantly muses over the First Book of Kings, particularly the passage in which Solomon sees God in a dream and asks for guidance.

Truman's Bible

Truman is frequently introducing passages from the Scriptures into his speeches and even into private conversation. He sometimes carries a small pocket Bible, and still has the poem "Locksley Hall," on the brotherhood of man, in his wallet.

He has given up expressing his unease at occupying the Presidency and abandoned his self-disparagement. There's no doubt he will seek a second term.

He is struggling hard to please the people and improve himself. Radio expert James Hines is coaching him in microphone delivery, and he rehearses all his speeches several times for intonation, emphasis, and pronunciation.

He has a completely new wardrobe of sickly cut suits. His health is good and only his astigmatism troubles him.

Of Harry Truman they say that his taste in bowties may be questionable, but he wears no other man's collar.

Atom Fan-Mail

Other items in my undiplomatic bag include: Food, Ex-Mayor La Guardia, new relief boss, is preparing a sensational indictment of the run-around he is getting and will blast the U.S. for failing to live up to its quota.

To his cry that "tickertape ain't spaghetti," the people only reply: "No, but it tastes like it."

Atom Bombs. Over 5,000 letters, most of them protesting against the atom-bomb experiment in the Pacific, have been received at the War Department. Several hundred letter-writers want to be placed on the target ships.

Raymond Gram Swing says: "There can be no justification for our continued manufacture of atom bombs."

The stockpile now is reported to number over 1,600 bombs. Britain, which helped to perfect the weapon, hasn't even one.

Nazis, American correspondents covering the Nuremberg trial admit that Britain's Sir David Maxwell Fyfe dominates the proceedings, has saved the prosecution after America's Robert Jackson's blunders.

Personal: Columnist Drew Pearson says if the U.S. could ship 2,500,000,000 lb. of horse-meat to Europe it would solve the food crisis and eliminate the need for rationing here. Phew to Drew and phooey!

It's Tulip Time

In New York, the circus has come to town, and the greatest show on earth moves from Bronx to Madison Square Garden.

Elephants patrol the streets and clowns dance in Times-square. The city children stare at the caged lions and tigers roly, and the loafers eye the trapeze artists, voluptuous in pink tights.

There is a smell of sawdust in the petrol-poisoned air and the Big Top camps in the heart of the steel and concrete city.

Across town in Rockefeller Centre, under the tall fingers of the skyscrapers, it is tulip time.

Three thousand Grand Duke tulips, their yellow-edged crimson petals dancing in the spring breeze, carpet Manhattan's nerve centre.

The mood is lively and gay, and Fifth Avenue has echoed to the march of regiments, on parade, to the roll of tanks and guns, to the swing and strut of military bands.

Q K For Jive

Even the tough and taciturn police, threatened by Mayor O'Dwyer that he will clean up crime or clean up them, have

warmed under the soft, spring sun. Now cutting up capers, jitter-bugging, and swing sessions are permitted on the pavements unless they constitute a menace to the peace.

With money to burn, the public is showing inflammatory tendencies, insisting that there's plenty more where that came from.

Statistics show a major redistribution in the nation's wealth. While ten years ago only 7 per cent. of the population received wages of over \$700 annually, now 36.5 per cent. of the families in America get \$700 a year and more.

Only taxes cloud the April sky, and they're about half out, but the cost of living equalises this.

Inflation, however, mounts—a special climber moving in all circles.

The fashion free-for-all gets more furious, and now satin nighties are being sold decorated with a flowered heart and bearing the words "No vacancy."

Trousers still are worn, but are losing out as women recall Ogden Nash's words:

Yes, deck yourself in floppy pants. You are the times, my sweetening.

You look divine as you advance. Have you seen yourself retreating?

Something called sculptured lingerie has arrived for women, and shoes come in 160 shapes and sizes.

Raincoats for April showers are jewel-bright glitter coats of rose green, blue, and yellow, made of miracle waterproofing which won't crack, stick, peel, or stiffen.

And the other day a man's store advertised mink shirts for men—made of 5 per cent mink, 20 per cent muskrat, and the rest pure wool. The price, \$3.10. They'd have to pay me that to wear one.

Louis Wonders

The entertainment razz-dazzle throws off sparks as six and a half million people crowd Broadway, and the showman's motto is: "The public be jammed."

A three-year boom is forecast for the movies, and most film stocks have sealed new market peaks.

But the cautious Louis B. Mayer, who gets a million dollars a year and must feel in his heart it's too good to be true, has called in his executives and said everything is costing too much and expenditure must be slashed.

He positively intends to cut himself down to 900,000 dollars a year. More and more Eric Johnston is capturing newspapers space and radio time as president of the Motion Pictures Association.

He plans a world tour to sell American films globally, and also promises a showdown fight with censors who recoil from the risque.

Profits now hit a new high note, and from Hollywood and gramophone record, royalties alone the business drew \$5,000,000 last year.

Broadcast Battle

Radio, lagging slightly, now eyes the British market and plans stations in Iceland, Ireland, and the Continent to invade the British air and battle the B.B.C. with commercialised programmes.

In town are Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Carol Landis, Loretta Young and Charles Boyer, all with minds of their own. "You can have Hollywood," I hope they don't drive me back.

"Let it rain or pour, I still won't long for Californian sunshine and oranges. Hollywood gives you everything, but it takes away your ability."

Carole says she's tiring of all these sweater jokes. "I'm utterly tired of being the great lover. It's a bore and a nuisance. When I was a boy of twenty it was all right, but I was a boy of twenty 20 years ago."

And Loretta Young says: "What does New York want with a circus when Orson Welles is also in town?"

Song hits get crazier, and the

AWAY WITH THESE EXAMS!

By C. C. R. MITCHELL, M. A.

Throughout secondary education there are written examinations which test the ability of children to express not their own ideas, but those of their teachers.

Education should be a training of the mind to assess and deftly contemporary situations and events. It has become a cramming of the mind with facts.

Boys and girls leave secondary schools able to "write fully" on the Napoleonic Wars, but quite unable to talk intelligently about the late war. The Education Act of 1944 provides for three types of secondary education and the Ministry has stated that it will be necessary to "devise new methods of determining for children the type of education best suited to their needs."

Parents must ensure that old methods are not used in new institutions. New methods in examinations are vital if secondary education is to exist for all in fact.

Until these new methods are devised, secondary education will continue to be dominated by written examinations, which are suitable only for a minority.

The new methods in examinations are already in use in some schools. Unfortunately these and the services of psychologists, tend to be reserved for backward children and for delinquents.

Their success, however, in this sphere powerfully demonstrates not only how inadequate are the traditional methods of examining and testing a child's ability, but also how they hinder educational progress.

Because of an aptitude test the parents of the boy 9 years old, who reported that he was 13 years old in spelling, but only 7 in arithmetic, possess a far more accurate idea of his ability in these subjects than they would from a mass of reports and marks.

The traditional type of examination must give way to one which tests the ability of the candidate to judge and criticise contemporary life. The ability to reproduce at second-hand a criticism of "Macbeth" is not as important as the ability to criticise the film at the local cinema.

This is the age of the camera and of the radio. It is imperative that these should be incorporated into our educational system. Their influence will increase with the growth of leisure. They will be ignored by the schools of the future at great peril. Yet they will be ignored by the schools of the present over by examinations.

current rave is "The Cement Mixer"—"Cement mixer, putti putti, a puddle of vooty, puddle of gooty, puddle of scooty, putti putti." Ah, literature!

Best news for British films this week was the critics' eulogy of "Henry V," which was tried out in Boston. Laurence Olivier has been hailed as a genius and the film as a masterpiece. The week's film is "The Green Years" with Charles Coburn, Good, but not great.

The week's play is "St. Louis Woman," with Rex Ingram. Gave me the blues.

Book of the week is "This House Against This House," by Vincent Sheehan. Fuddled and fumbling, retrieved by its identification.

Stacked Pack

Items: They say international diplomacy gets more and more like a card game—someone's always trying to deal from the bottom of the pack.

Hal Block says Winston Churchill is a great man, because he's always got England on his heart, America on his mind, and Havana on his lips.

Quentin Reynolds points out that the scientists split the atom and now the atom is splitting us.

My story of the man who thought he was becoming a horse has brought me a letter from a traveller about a tribe in North-Western Rhodesia.

The men pull out all their front teeth, because they have noticed that horses have front teeth, and they don't want to look like horses. Sir John Mandeville discovered on the Upper Orinoco a settlement of people whose noses were encased in straw. When he asked them the reason for this, they said that long ago someone had pointed out that rhinoceroses have noses, and they did not want to be mistaken for rhinoceroses. Which just shows, doesn't it?

I am informed that the centrifugal organblowers are lopping off their ears, so as not to be mistaken for dryblowers, who also have ears.

Snail's New Time

The plan for a new world time for use by the United Nations, appears to be based on the undeniable fact that in places where midnight comes at midnight, midnight is midnight. But Charlie Suet's plan goes further. Each hour is reckoned by the number of minutes in it—in each case 60. These minutes are divided into seconds, but always ahead of the time in the place concerned, so that where one locality's time is behind another, the lag is made up in this way. Where a locality's time is ahead of another, the seconds are calculated behind the time of the place concerned. With or without teeth, Suet looks like a horse.

I never knew until this mortal minute that there was a Society of British Snail-Watchers. My informant, in an article, says that snails have thousands of teeth. Since lions also have teeth,

Don't Call Them "Surplus Women"

I am in my early thirties and not married. I must accept the fact that marriage is now highly improbable.

I do not want to face up to that but there it is. No matter how confidently or usefully, I go through life I shall always have a sense of deprivation—and in my worst moments a feeling that life has been both unjust and unfair.

But let us be quite sane about this. In the end the deprivation is really spiritual, not physical. It is the loneliness of spirit that really hurts; and this loneliness can only be met by the friendship and comradeship of a successful marriage—(a) because it is a permanent relationship (or should be), (b) because of the physical and spiritual dependence of each upon the other.

I said let us be quite sane about it. It is not only the unmarried who experience this deprivation but many married people too. For various reasons at least half of the people you know are feeling a similar sense of frustration of their deepest needs.

About sublimation. I am a deaconess in the Methodist Church, a satisfying and fulfilling job. But I know how much happier life would be if, instead of working as a lone agent, I was sharing my life and work with someone else who felt the same way and had the same purpose in life.

There is a point at which a fine and absorbing love of something great outside oneself (sublimation) only serves to make matters worse. This is true even in the realms of religion. The greater the heights one scales the more does one need the companionship of another to share it.

Now that word "surplus woman." Will you please forget it; it stinks. There is no such thing as a "surplus woman" in the eyes of God. There may be lonely and unhappy women (and men); there may be frustrated and unfulfilled women, but not "surplus."

Home Life First

I say your correspondent is definitely wrong. Too many happy homes have been broken up owing to war conditions. The country can never be really happy and prosperous until we get the happy home life again and the Christian way of living. It is not a sin to be reasonably jealous of the man one loves.

I think the writer is being selfish in her way of thinking. What about the children and these surplus women? I had a very unhappy childhood through an unloving mother breaking up our home.

Why Pity Spinsters?

It is not hard nowadays to find unwanted children to adopt, and what about us poor overworked mothers who would welcome with open arms an intelligent spinster to take over our families occasionally? This is motherhood at second-hand, but quite often a deputy gets the lion's share of affection.

Frankly, I would not change back into a spinster (were it even possible), but I think I am not alone among my married friends in casting occasional glances of envy at our spinster friends who are free of the slavery of husband, house and child.

The Real Need

I think polygamy is the answer if men could afford to support more than one family under civilised conditions. A woman feels more frustrated at having no family than at having lacked sexual intercourse.

What bad temper spinsters may suffer from is not due to sex repression, but caused, in my opinion, by having no one to cherish so that their people may self-centred. Such people may pity their cases and worries. That attitude would not be dispelled by

John Aubrey, who conducts the News Chronicle Personal Problems service, writes: Last week I invited comments from readers on a letter from an unmarried woman who found "sublimation" no answer to the problem created by an unsatisfied sexual drive and suggested a "modification of jealousy" among married people as a solution.

Here is a selection of opinions from a number of interesting letters too large to be individually acknowledged.

Equal Birthright

The denial of children to unmarried women, many of whom would be glad of the opportunity to bear and rear them at their own expense if the stigma of bastardy were removed, is a further suppression of natural desire. By the same sense of shame, the unmarried woman is denied both the joys of mating and, more tragic to my mind, the love, affection and companionship of a child or children of her own flesh and blood throughout her life.

The practical solution to my mind, then, is the equality of birthright for all children, whether born in or out of wedlock, without any stigma of bastardy either in practice or by birth certificate (a measure long overdue in any case), official Government recognition of the unmarried mother and useful grants to the maintenance of the spinster and widows' children, where required—a national charge calculated to pay high dividends in this age of falling birthrates.

Jealousy A Disease

Far from regarding jealousy as a normal accompaniment to love, I regard it as an unpleasant disease which kills love most surely and very painfully. I am very fortunate myself never to have suffered from it, but if I found it developing I should take all possible steps to get rid of it, just as I should if I found myself developing any unpleasant bodily illness.

Pearl Of Great Price

To reach any solution one has to think out first how much "old-maidness" is due to unsatisfied sex instincts and how much to a feeling of inferiority, of being unwanted in the social scheme, and of having failed to attract a husband.

The unmarried woman worker should be valued as a pearl of great price in any country with a labour shortage. They can put far more into their work than married women, whose main interests lie elsewhere, or than young girls on the look-out for husbands.

In the Services the best N.C.O.s and officers among the women, came, in my opinion, from the unmarried women of 23 to 45. They were keen, alive, popular; there was no hint of the "chawrted spinster" about them. Owing to the war they were "wanted" for the first time.

To women who are facing up to this problem I would say: Don't pretend you would rather not be married. Get a job which takes your whole interest as far as possible.

BY THE WAY

By BEACHCOMBER

I wonder why the snails don't pull their teeth out, to avoid being mistaken for lions, especially as the Windlesham Leather-Tanners Society still has an annual outing, at which snails, fried in liquorice, are eaten. A snail-watcher once told me that you have to be very patient to watch snails, and also genuinely interested in their antics.

I must confess that the snails I used to like to watch were those served by Dorlist of Compigne, in his little dark restaurant, or by the dear old woman of Masebian, outside Millau, in the country of the Causses.

Tail-Piece

The problem is not to make the people happy, but to prevent them from being unhappy. Don't oppress them, that's the whole secret of it. Then everyone will know how to make his own happy. (Saint-Just)

LABOUR M.P. TRIES IT FOR HIMSELF

Bristol, April 26.
After five days on an experimental diet of 1,000 calories daily, W. F. Vernon, Labour M. P. for Camberwell (Dulwich Div.), reported that he felt "definitely weaker," and added that he will continue the diet until "I feel my efficiency impaired."

Physicians said that Vernon's diet is a heavy one in comparison with that of starving Continental countries. They said that Vernon is receiving the essential vitamins which are lacking in the monotonous diet in parts of Europe.

Vernon is receiving 11 ounces of bread, four ounces of skimmed milk, half an ounce of meat, sugar, and margarine and two and a half ounces of green vegetables.—Associated Press.

Edinburgh, Apr. 26.
Dance band players, wearing dinner jackets and playing tunes, paraded in Princes-street, yesterday, carrying placards protesting that some dance halls do not pay Musicians' Union rates.

Hague Talks Not Up To Expectations

Amsterdam, April 26.

Minister of the Interior Soedarsarno of the unrecognized Indonesian Republic says that negotiations between the Indonesian Nationalists and the Dutch Government have virtually been without results and "did not meet our expectations."

On the eve of his departure for Java, Soedarsarno said he was unable to divulge any details of the discussions before he made his report to Premier Sjahrir, but he declared that "both in form and contents the negotiations had no results."

At the last moment, the Dutch are understood to have tried to persuade the Indonesians to postpone their return until the situation is cleared, thus enabling them to hold final talks in the presence of Dr. Van Mook, acting Governor-General of the Netherlands East Indies, who has just returned from Britain.

The Indonesians refused the requests and have now left by plane, Dr. Van Mook and his advisers will follow them on April 30.

The Dutch-Indonesian talks began in the Netherlands on April 9, after demands were made by Indonesian Nationalists for freedom from Dutch colonial administration. The demands produced bitter fighting in the East Indies in which British troops were involved. Sporadic fighting continued in Java even during the negotiations.

The Dutch proposed a commonwealth status for Indonesia. As late as April 16, Indonesian sources in Amsterdam forecast the creation of an Indonesian Free State or Java and Sumatra, with a compromise on Dutch sovereignty for the time being, on the other islands of the East Indies.—Associated Press

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

POLICE AND PRISONS BRANCH.

DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE, 1931.

It is hereby notified that the following applications for licences under the Dutiable Commodities Ordinance, 1931, will be considered by the Licensing Officer at 3 p.m. on the 6th day of May, 1946. The applicants for these licences and persons objecting to such applications must appear in person at Police Headquarters, New Oriental-Building, Chater Road.

No.	Name of Applicant	Description of Licence applied for	Sign of House	Situation of House	Whether the applicant has had a licence of the same kind to sell liquor in the Colony and if so, for how long.
1.	Mr. Lu Chung Shu, nominal owner of Mr. S. J. Swatland.	Publican's Licence	The Red Lion Inn.	15, Hankow Road, ground floor.	—
2.	Mr. Chan "al Kuen"	Publican's Licence	The Union Hotel.	22, Ice House St.	—
3.	Mr. Lo Kin	Publican's Licence	The Metropole Hotel	10, Queen's Road Central, 6th, 7th & 8th floors & room 440 on Mes. floor	—
4.	Mr. E. P. Sammons	Publican's Licence	Ginglos	70, Nathan Road, ground floor.	6 Years.
5.	Mr. Ling Tit Shan	Hotel Keepers' Adjunct Licence	The Sun Kwong Hotel	159, Connaught Rd. Central.	4 Years.
6.	Mr. Hui Kwok Yau	Hotel Keepers' Adjunct Licence	The Sun Sun Hotel	808, Nathan Road.	5 Years.
7.	Mr. Chan Hon	Hotel Keepers' Adjunct Licence	The Tung Shan Hotel	87-89, Connaught Road West.	7 Years.
8.	Mr. Oha Cheuk Wan	Hotel Keepers' Adjunct Licence	The Great China Hotel	119-120, Connaught Road C.	20 Years.
9.	Mr. Chan Yu Yung	Hotel Keepers' Adjunct Licence	Hotel Nathan	372-378, Nathan Road.	—
10.	Mr. Kim Hwang, nominal owner of Miss Grace Hill	Restaurant Adjunct Licence	The Chantecor Restaurant	173-175, Nathan Road.	—
11.	Mr. A. P. Thechombo	Restaurant Adjunct Licence	The Thechombo Restaurant	3, Hankow Road, ground & 1st fl.	10 Years.
12.	Mr. Wong Ka Tuen	Restaurant Adjunct Licence	—	10-21, Hennessy Rd. ground floor.	—
13.	Mr. Chow Ping Man	Publican's Licence	St. Francis Hotel	13 & 14, Queen's Road Central.	—

C. H. SANSOM,
Commissioner of Police,
Licensing Officer.

PEACE TALKS COMMENCE

Four Foreign Ministers Meet In Paris

Hope To Break Long Deadlock

PARIS, April 26.
THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF FRANCE, BRITAIN, RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES OPENED THE CONFERENCE YESTERDAY IN THE HISTORIC LUXEMBOURG PALACE HERE CALLED TO PREPARE TREATIES ENDING THE GREATEST WAR IN HISTORY. THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, JAMES F. BYRNES WAS THE FIRST OF THE VISITING MINISTERS TO ENTER THE PALACE.

The French Foreign Minister, Georges Bidault, host for the conference, drove up through the crowded street to the palace where gaily-uniformed Republican Guardsmen snapped to attention, presenting arms.

Russia's Foreign Minister, Vyacheslav Molotov, followed and the British Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, last to arrive, waved to the crowds on all the balconies along the Rue de Tournon leading to the palace.

In the guarded, ornate Salle Victor Hugo of the Luxembourg Palace, the "Big Four" Foreign Ministers tonight talked for 2½ hours in the opening session of their "Save the Peace" conference.

The four Ministers had all arrived in the conference room by 5.00 p.m.

Greetings and inspection of the secretariat arrangements took up the first half hour and the conference itself did not get under way until 5.30 p.m., then lasting until 8.45 p.m.

A communique issued by the French Foreign Office late tonight said: "The Council adopted the rules of procedure which are valid for the present conference. The Council next proceeded to study the questions which are to figure on the agenda of the conference. The next session will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4.00 p.m."

First Stage

This is the first stage of the Foreign Ministers' second attempt to give Europe a settled framework for peacetime reconstruction by finally drafting the peace treaties with Italy, Rumania, Hungary, Bulgaria and Finland.

Beside the general realisation of the dangers of prolonging the uncertainties of the present makeshift conditions in Europe, there is another incentive which may help to break the deadlock in which the first conference of the Foreign Ministers ended in London last October.

The length of the conference is variously estimated between ten days to three weeks. "I am willing to sit two months if it will help us to an agreement," M. Bidault told Reuters.

When Mr. Ernest Bevin stepped out of his plane at the Orly airport near Paris shortly after noon, looking very serious as he posed for press photographers, he said: "I can only say what I said in England—we have come to do our best."

Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, British Ambassador, accompanied Mr. Bevin to the conference as chief adviser. Mr. Oliver Harvey and Mr. P. J. Dixon, Private Secretary to the Foreign Minister, made up the remainder of the British party.

France Spain

Mr. Byrnes and Mr. Bevin are understood to be opposed to press conferences, but are willing to keep the present form on general background of the Paris talks. Mr. Molotov's secretary said: "When Mr. Molotov expresses his desire to receive journalists, a press conference will be called."

The four Foreign Ministers will be the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the French Premier, M. Felix Gouin, tomorrow, it was officially announced tonight. The British, United States and Soviet ambassadors will also be invited.

A Reuters despatch from New York tonight says it is understood the Foreign Ministers in Paris will seek to reach an agreement of the solution of the problem of what action shall be taken with regard to the Franco regime in Spain.—Reuters and Associated Press.

Optimistic Feeling

Moscow, Apr. 26.
Russia's delegation to the foreign ministers' conference in Paris is prepared for a long stay and to handle a large amount of business.

In addition to Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet delegation includes two of his de-

legates, Andrei Vishinsky and V. C. Deanezov, along with scores of experts, translators, typists and clerks.

The size and authoritative nature of the delegation make it evident that the Russians attach weighty importance to the meeting and may be able to transact much business on the spot with but few references back to Moscow for instructions.

As a result, the reserve with which informed persons in Moscow's foreign diplomatic missions have come to regard international meetings has given way to optimism.

They feel that the Russians want to get started on their new five-year plan. This involves throwing all available manpower into the effort and this in turn means the mobilization of some of the nation's armed forces.—Associated Press.

Crucial

New Delhi, Apr. 26.
A crucial stage has been reached in the British Cabinet Mission's efforts to achieve a constitutional settlement in India.

Well informed quarters here expect the next ten days to reveal whether Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Sir Stafford Cripps and Mr. A. V. Alexander will succeed.

Official sources still maintain close silence, but say there is no reason to talk in terms of a deadlock.—Reuters.

No Famine In Canada

Ottawa, Apr. 26.
Donald Gordon, head of the Canadian Prices Board, described the reports of a possible "meat famine" in Canada as absolute nonsense, at a press conference here today.

Canada has enough meat to satisfy her ration coupon demands for months and she was most certainly going to live up to her overseas obligations, Mr. Gordon said.

Admitting that there were some snags in the distribution system, Mr. Gordon said that the selfish concerns of some Canadians at this time over minor inconveniences will shame a great nation and a civilized people.—Reuters.

Tel-Aviv Attack On Police

Tel Aviv, Apr. 26.
British troops tonight took up a position opposite the police station on the border of Tel Aviv and Jaffa, following a reported attack on the station by 40 armed Jews.

The attack on the police station was later suggested to have been made by a Jewish illegal organization to avenge the death of a 22-year-old youth killed recently in the organization's operation designed to cover the illegal entry of Jews into Palestine.

Several thousands of Jewish youths and girls today marched in silence along the streets of Tel Aviv to the cemetery, where the youth was buried.—Reuters.

N. Z. HELP IN FOOD CAMPAIGN

Wellington, Apr. 26.
The New Zealand Government has ordered the extraction from wheat to be increased to 80 per cent in the manufacture of flour in New Zealand to help the campaign for saving food for famine stricken countries.

The increase is estimated to save importing half a million bushels of wheat from Australia this year.

It is understood that this amount will be diverted immediately to the parts of the world desperately needing wheat.—Reuters.

VERA BRITAIN TO LECTURE

London, Apr. 26.
Vera Britain, internationally known British author and wife of the socialist writer and economist Professor George Catlin, will arrive in New York on April 30 for a lecture tour throughout the United States, during which she will speak on "The Food Problem." Miss Britain lived in the United States from 1925 to 1927.—Reuters.

IRAN ELECTIONS

London, Apr. 26.
Moscow radio last night said that the government of Iranian Azerbaijan has appointed an electoral council to organize a general election scheduled for June.

The broadcast, heard by the Associated Press, quoted a Tahriz dispatch.—Associated Press.

There will be a Special Cash Sweep on the last race, tickets for which (\$2) may be obtained at the Office of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Exchange Building, First Floor, together with the usual "Through" numbers (\$10) including a chance in the Special Sweep.

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In order to have a properly constituted Council as required by the Urban Council Ordinance, 1935, it has now become necessary to invite the persons mentioned in Section 3 (4) to register in the applications to be registered in the second part of the register as laid down by Section 3 (2).

Registration entitles persons registered to vote in the election of the two elected members of the Council.

It is anticipated that the Governor will visit a properly constituted Council to function as soon as possible after the resumption of Civil Government. With this end in view a Notice appears elsewhere in this issue inviting written applications, which should reach the Acting Registrar, Supreme Court, not later than June 30, 1946.

NOTICE

The reinterment of my late husband Leo Well, son of Mrs. R. Well, will take place at the Jewish Cemetery on Sunday, 28th April, at 11.30 a.m.

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Handing-Over Ceremonies

Arrangements for the arrival of the Governor, H. E. Sir Mark Young, and the handing-over ceremonies at Government House and the C.S.O. on Tuesday and Wednesday next, are now almost complete.

If weather conditions are normal, it is expected that Sir Mark Young will arrive at Kai Tak about 3 p.m. and will land at Queen's Pier about 5.30.

At the Government House ceremony on Wednesday morning, the address of welcome to His Excellency will be delivered in English by Mr. Leo d'Almeida and in Chinese by Sir Robert Ho Tung.

The Governor's reply will be read in Chinese by Mr. Wong Tape.

It is hoped to stage a searchlight display on Wednesday night, but arrangements regarding this have yet to be completed.

An opium-divan keeper, Chan Chung Tai was fined \$200 or eight weeks' hard labour by Mr. Latimer yesterday for keeping a divan at No. 30, Haiphong Road and for the possession of five mace of prepared opium. Three smokers who were arrested by a party of police under S.I. Collins on April 25, were each fined \$10. The implements found were ordered to be confiscated to the I. & E. Office.

Inquest On Boy Who Died In Cell

TWO POLICE OFFICERS WERE CALLED TO GIVE EVIDENCE YESTERDAY WHEN THE INQUEST IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEATH OF A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY-PRISONER ON APRIL 11, WAS CONTINUED BEFORE MR. W. H. LATIMER AT THE KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

Sub-Inspector William Apps, Court-Inspector at the Magistracy, stated that he had heard nothing about the boy-prisoner's complaints until the afternoon of April 10. At 3.15 p.m., the Chinese constable in-charge of the cells, L.S.C. Ng Pang, came to him and reported that a prisoner was ill and that he had experienced difficulties in getting the doctor from the Kowloon Hospital.

Inspector Apps said that he went down to the remand cells and saw the deceased who was arrested on charge of armed robbery and kidnapping. The deceased was obviously in pain and appeared to be very ill. Immediately, Inspector Apps phoned the Hospital but there was only one doctor on duty and that it was inconvenient for the doctor to come. He insisted and was told to fetch the doctor by car.

Not Satisfied

This he did and shortly after the doctor-on-duty, Dr. Tse, came and made a thorough examination of the deceased. Dr. Tse said that he was not satisfied with the prisoner's condition.

Within ten minutes of the departure of the doctor Inspector Apps managed to obtain a car, and a guard was told to escort the boy to the Hospital.

On the morning of April 11, Inspector Apps received a telephone call that the boy had died that morning.

Mr. Latimer: Inspector, is it your duty to go down and inspect those prisoners?

Inspector Apps: No, I have received no instructions from my superior to perform this duty.

Something Peculiar

Mr. Latimer: Are you in a position to inspect the prisoners?

S.I. Apps: Yes, but I only do so when the constable-in-charge comes to me when he experiences difficulties. I understand that a Chinese Inspector does this.

Mr. Latimer then remarked that he thought there was something peculiar about the case and told the police-officer-in-charge, Inspector Smith that he wanted Chief Inspector Tyler as a witness.

P.S.I. Ip On, the next witness, said that it was part of his duties to inspect the cells at the Kowloon Magistracy and to find out if there were any complaints from the prisoners daily. He was on duty all the time when

the deceased was kept in the remand cells.

Asked by Mr. Latimer whether he had received any complaints from any of the prisoners, Ip said no.

Heard Nothing

Mr. Latimer: You mean to say that for ten days, day after day, you went down to inspect the prisoners and there was no complaint?

Ip: They did not complain to me. I have not heard anything about sickness all the time.

Mr. Latimer: I discredited that. Isn't it strange that I went down once and I received many complaints? What would you do if you heard anything about this complaint?

Ip: I would report the matter to S.I. Apps and Chief Inspector Tyler.

As the next witness, C.I. Tyler was absent, the inquest was adjourned.

H.K.S.P.C. Comes Into Being Again

The Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children came into being again yesterday at a meeting of former members, held at St. John's Cathedral Hall, that was specially convened for the purpose of reviving the Society and electing officers.

Mr. T. M. Hazelrigg, who, with Sir Robert Kotewall, was responsible for much of the "spade work" that made possible yesterday's meeting and the revival of the Society, was elected President. The meeting was presided over by Mr. F. P. Franklin.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Franklin said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen; Before we proceed with the general business for which this Meeting has been called, I am sure you would wish me to place on record the losses this Society has suffered either directly, or indirectly as the result of the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong."

"In common with the rest of Empire, the Colony has lost many men and women whose places it will be hard to fill, and this Society, among others, is the poorer in consequence."

"We can take consolation however, in the knowledge that great examples remain with us; examples of lives devoted to public service. And what greater service can there be than that which aims at the alleviation of suffering and poverty amongst children."

"Since the Annual Meeting in 1941, this Society has lost by death, Sir Atholl MacGregor, who was a Vice-President, and also Honorary Director. There is no need for me to remind you of the time and energy Sir Atholl devoted to the cause of the children."

"Mr. Wai Shiu Pak, also a Vice-President, whose magnificent gifts did so much to help the S.P.C. in its early days, will be sorely missed, both for his keen enthusiasm and practical support. Mr. Lee, who will be better remembered as Miss Susie Tam, who rendered such fine service as Inspector for Kowloon North, is another great loss."

"Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., one of the earliest members of the Society and one of its keenest supporters, and Sir Vondelour Grayburn, who served as a member of the General Committee for over eight years. Unfortunately, the records of the Society are not complete, and there may be others we would not think of at this time."

"As I remarked before, we are indeed the poorer by the absence of such devoted workers and supporters, but surely we are the richer for their examples which should serve as beacons to guide us in the work we are going to carry on."

Officers Elected

Officers elected were: Patron, His Excellency Sir Mark Young; President, Mr. T. M. Hazelrigg; Vice-President, Sir Robert Ho Tung; Sir Shouson Chow, Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. G. P. de Martin, Dr. S. W. Tao and Mr. Li Po-chun; Hon. Secretary, Miss Mary Barker; Hon. Treasurers, Messrs W. Aneurin Jones and Wong Chi-po; Hon. Auditors, Percy Smith & Co.

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Received Stolen Bricks

You represent the type who eggs coolies on to rip down houses and as this is your first offence, you are fined only \$150," said Mr. Latimer to Fong Wing Sui, carpenter, found guilty of receiving 4,000 bricks yesterday. Inspector Askew conducted the prosecution. An accountant, Tang Ping Chiu, was acquitted on the same charge.

The first witness, Liu Siu, testified that he had sold 4,000 bricks to Fong in February and March. He brought the bricks at \$10 per thousand from some coolies and sold them to Fong at \$15. Fong had been to his house six times urging him to get more bricks.

Mr. R. Lee of the P.W.D. told the Court that the prices of new and old bricks were \$100 and \$60 per thousand respectively. Accused said that the first witness promised him safety when he bought the bricks and that they were for his own use.

Mr. Latimer said that because accused had bought the bricks at so low a price he must have known that they were stolen property. The bricks were ordered to be confiscated to the P.W.D.

Closed

The "China Mail" understands that the incident on board the Jardine steamer "Tal Sang" on Thursday, involving Major-General Lam, in-charge of the Kwangtung Pacification Corps, and six Chinese soldiers, is now considered closed.

On Sunday evening at the Toe H Services Club, A/B Hugh Miller will present a symphony concert on gramophone records commencing at 8 o'clock. The Toe H Club is situated at the St. Andrew's Church premises, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Tomorrow's programme will include "Fidelio" Overture (Beethoven), "Hunt" Quartet (Mozart), Brigg Fair (Delius), Second Symphony (Sibelius).

Welfare Services leaves little to be desired

In fact, it is considered most praiseworthy by the majority—if not all.

His last statement about the F.A.N.Y.s making a choice selection of well-dressed at his unit's dances in England is another product of his perverted mind, and is most unfair.

It would appear that he now considers that as they are overseas, they should attend B.O.R. dances either under compulsion or otherwise.

For his information and, also for the information of any other misguided servicemen in this colony, all of the ladies in the F.A.N.Y. detachment in Hong Kong volunteered for service overseas; and many of them after the end of the war with Germany. Their work here includes the driving of mobile canteens to O.R.s in isolated detachments in the New Territories and on Hong Kong Island; and also, the staffing of leave and welfare centres for O.R.s. In many cases they work longer hours than Servicemen stationed here and their duties are often far more arduous.

It is natural to assume that like their male colleagues they are at liberty to do what they like with their spare time, provided their activities do not interfere with standing regulations in the Colony? Surely they can please themselves whether or not they attend social functions, and many already do so without any compulsion.

Perhaps your correspondent would like the Women's Services to provide a pool of "Taxi-

G.O.C. To Inspect Boy Scouts

A big parade of all Scouts in the Colony will be held tomorrow when the G. O. C., General Fosting, will inspect the Groups and take the March Past. The time has been altered to 2.45 p.m. at the Botanical Garden. This will be the first rally since 1940. Though the scouts will not be able to appear in full scout uniforms, their spirit will not be tied down by "matter."

Scouting in Hong Kong has made further big strides in the last two months. Many more groups have been re-organized and some troops have even expanded beyond the usual limit and are splitting up into two or more troops.

The Local Association can at present cater to the needs of only a small percentage of the boys who have had or are having some schooling. The children "in the streets" are being well looked after by the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association which has opened a number of free schools and clubs in the slum areas of Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Scouters now meet about once a month the next meeting being on the second Saturday in May. The "Scouting Gazette," edited jointly by John Pau and Wong Yai lung, is making its appearance monthly and includes articles in English and Chinese for Scouters and Scouts.

From the point of view of the Association, the difficulties that lie ahead are the securing of a permanent headquarters in town, funds to pay off the bank overdraft and to maintain the organization (including the camp site at Chaiwan) and the help of more people as Scouters.

In pre-war days the Association received from the Army and Navy old tents, gear and other suitable material which were otherwise condemned to the scrap heap. With the surrender of the Japanese and the gradual demobilization of our armed forces, there are possibilities that more of such material will be made available to make up for the total loss suffered by the Association as well as by individual groups.

RADIO SEAC

Radio SEAC, the broadcasting station of South-east Asia Command, is to be the world's most powerful forces radio and one of the most powerful of all stations. On May 1 its new 100-kilowatt transmitter will begin operating and its programmes will be heard all over India, South-east Asia and the Far East.

Work was begun on the new transmitter which is located at Colombo, Ceylon about a year ago in order to provide a station capable of being heard by the forces in every

Russian Withdrawal From Harbin

Farewell Dinner To C.-In-C.

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three Services, Brigadier MacDougal and other friends invited to be present on this occasion. He wished to emphasize how much he valued the advice and assistance given to him on every side.

"I have loved this job. I really have," he continued. "I count it a great privilege to come here and do this particular piece of service to the Empire. We have such a fine team of people that it has not only been most interesting but a very great pleasure. I have always felt that it was a job very well worth doing."

"It has also been a very great pleasure to make the acquaintance of the business community of Hong Kong and to learn something about the life of the place and of British trade in China. With regard to the future, I would say that we are back where we were a hundred years ago. When one reads of the problems that faced Hong Kong in the 1840s it seems that they were very much the same as we are facing now."

"Whilst the human mind does not change very much, weapons do change, and new weapons will have to be used to overcome old difficulties. One reads that in the early days of Hong Kong a distinguished Chinese negotiator wrote to the Emperor, 'It is very difficult: all that the barbarian Porting does is to kill his brow and say "No". Sometimes the barbarian Hercules has had to kill his brow and say "No".' "You have a great task ahead of you," he concluded, "but I have great confidence in our countrymen. The older men have done well and the younger people have shown in war initiative and resource. We have in Britain a political stability which is unequaled in the world. I am quite sure that difficulties here will be overcome. I wish you every success, and I hope we shall meet again."

PALESTINE REPORT FOR TRUMAN

Washington, Apr. 26. In a letter addressed to Mr. H. H. H. Truman, President Truman discussed the report of the Anglo-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine. It was reported yesterday.

Later, Truman released the text of the letter to H. H. H. Truman, United States Chairman of the Committee, thanking the Committee for the report.

There was no indication of when the report would be made public.—Associated Press.

MPs. IN HUNGARY

Budapest, Apr. 26. The eight members of the British Parliamentary delegation headed by Flight-Lieutenant John Aire, Labour Member, which will study political, economic and social conditions in Hungary, arrived here by plane today.

President Zoltan Tildy received the delegates and the Prime Minister Perenc Nagy, gave a luncheon for them.

During their eight day visit, they will have discussions with representatives of all political parties.—Reuter.

MUKDEN, APRIL 26. RUSSIAN OCCUPATION TROOPS ARE DUE TO COMPLETE THEIR WITHDRAWAL FROM HARBIN TODAY AND THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THE CHINESE COMMUNIST TROOPS WILL TAKE OVER THE CITY IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY ARE GONE. ALL HIGH CHINESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE LEFT HARBIN WHICH IS NOW DEFENDED ONLY BY A SMALL LOCALLY RECRUITED NATIONAL GARRISON WHICH IS NOT EXPECTED TO GIVE MORE THAN TOKEN RESISTANCE.

The nearest Government army is still nearly 300 miles south of Harbin.

Sage Jorgensen, Danish Consul, arrived here by air from Harbin yesterday and told the Associated Press that Harbin residents would welcome the arrival of the Communists.

He said the citizens feared an outbreak of robbery and looting if the Communists did take over because the Government troops are too few in number to assume control.

He declared that Government officials made no secret of their hope that the Russians would delay their withdrawal until Nationalist forces could reach Harbin, but the Soviets are perhaps mindful of earlier criticisms abroad concerning their delay in the evacuation of Manchuria, and went ahead methodically with their planned evacuation, according to their timetable.

During the Russian occupation, the city was quiet and orderly with more than 100 Soviet soldiers shot who were found guilty of crimes against the civilian population.

Dairen Situation

Chungking, Apr. 26.

The Chinese Government "most certainly expect" Russian occupation troops to withdraw from the important seaport of Dairen before the end of April, said a spokesman yesterday.

Minister of Information K. C. Wu said he had no information on the situation at Dairen, which is missing from the Soviet military schedule of evacuations from Manchuria, "but Dairen is a part of China and we expect the Russians to withdraw from all Manchuria before the end of the month as they had agreed."

The Russians had previously claimed authority over Dairen and no mention had been made of that city in the Russian announcements of their evacuation plans.

Minister Wu said Harbin had been given up as lost to the Chinese Communists "who are already in the city." The Russians were scheduled to evacuate Harbin yesterday but the Chinese Government had no word whether or not the Russians had left.

Meanwhile, in Mukden, several sources said Chinese Government planes trying to land in Harbin to evacuate Government officials found the airfield there already in Communist hands.

A communist spokesman said

Matsuo Hangs Himself

Shanghai, April 26. Major Chozo Matsuo, legal adviser to the Japanese military governor of Formosa, hanged himself in the War Road jail cell last night with a noose fashioned from torn strips from his clothing.

United States war crimes officers said they obtained a statement from Matsuo implicating himself as one of the Japanese responsible for the sham court-martial and execution of 14 United States fliers downed on Formosa last June.

Matsuo was termed as being the one chiefly responsible for arranging the trials and had commanded the firing squad. Matsuo and a dozen other Japanese were brought to Shanghai two weeks ago from Japan to face war crimes trials, for atrocities against Americans, British and Chinese.—Associated Press.

China's decision to prohibit the importation of opium is, happily, for the ladies of Hong Kong, not likely to be followed in this Colony. Our advertising columns, in fact, reveal that a fair-sized shipment of Max Factor products is expected to arrive here within a week. Standard prices are to be charged by all dealers.

Exchange Of Courtesies

Kure, Apr. 26. The 24th (Victory) Division of the United States Army and the Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders of the British occupation forces cemented international relations with an exchange of courtesies today.

The 24th Division sent the National emblem and the Divisional colours to the Cameron's Headquarters. The Cameron band, colours and Highland dancers will visit the 24th Division units beginning tomorrow.—Associated Press.

Guard Duty

Tokyo, April 26. A battalion of British troops will share Tokyo guard duties with units of the American 1st Cavalry Division.

Under the operational plan announced today, one 1st Cavalry soldier and one British soldier will be stationed at each gate of the Imperial Palace. Commencing May 15, the operational plan will include soldiers of both armies assisting in the guarding of Japanese Government buildings.—Associated Press.

Unable to land at Canton an American Air Force Dakota made a good night landing at Kai Tak Airfield on Thursday after circling the area for an hour while preparations were made for its arrival. The Dakota flew in with the aid of radar, and is only the fourth plane to make a night landing at the airfield.

For the unlawful possession of 13 tins of raw opium found on her person at the K.C.R. Station on April 25, Chan Ng was fined \$1,300 or six weeks by Mr. Latimer yesterday. Accused's three children would be sent to an orphanage if she could not pay the fine. The opium was confiscated to the I. & E. Office.

Died After Taking "The Mixture"

AN INQUEST WAS HELD AT THE SUMMARY MILITARY COURT BEFORE MR. A. EL ARCULLI YESTERDAY INTO THE DEATH OF A CHINESE WOMAN, LI LAI, OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD, WHO DIED ON FEB. 12 AFTER TAKING A PRESCRIPTION DISPENSED AT THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL THE SAME DAY.

The jury comprised Messrs. U. Rumliah, A. Alves and C. S. Kwok. Mr. F. N. d'Almada appeared for the Crown while Mr. M. K. Lo appeared on behalf of the Tung Wah Hospital.

A Chinese woman, Maik Hoi, of No. 91, Hollywood Road, stated that the deceased Li Lai was the wife of her husband Poon Mei. She was his concubine. The deceased and herself were living at the same address.

The deceased had been ill a few days prior to her death. She was complaining about headache and fever. On the morning of Feb. 12 she saw the deceased take an empty bottle and go to the Tung Wah Hospital for medicine. She later returned with a bottle of mixture.

About 12.45 p.m. on the same day, she saw the deceased take a spoonful of mixture from the bottle while she was having her midday meal. After a short while the deceased complained of feeling dizzy and said the medicine was very bitter. Li took some "Tiger Balm" ointment from the table with the intention of applying it to her head. Before she could do so, the deceased fell on the bed.

An ambulance was immediately summoned and she was taken to hospital. On the way to hospital, Li died.

Mr. John Redman, Government Analyst, in evidence, said that the exhibit, two bags containing a white substance, was handed to him by the late Mr. Simons. One bag contained two pounds and 11 oz., while the other bag contained 3 lb. 4 oz. It was strychnine nitrate.

Unusual Quantity

The mixture contained in the bottle was two ounces, in which were two per cent. of strychnine. The fatal dose of strychnine would be two c.c. The difference between strychnine and quinine had to be chemically tested before it could be distinguished. Both substances were white and taste bitter.

In cross-examination, Mr. Redman said that strychnine and quinine were in similar types of packaging. Normally it was never wrapped with brown paper. Brown paper was never used for such a dangerous drug.

The quantity was also unusual, as the usual way to pack strychnine was in a small quantity plainly labelled. The quantity exhibited in Court was sufficient for two and a half million doses. If it was quinine, it would only be sufficient for 6,000 doses.

Dr. G. S. Thomas of the Tung Wah Hospital stated that after the reoccupation of the Colony, he inspected the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital. He found a cardboard box marked "Quinine" and found other articles. He tasted it and found it was bitter, and he took it as quinine and brought it back to the Tung Wah Hospital for use.

He never took it as anything other than quinine. The dispenser had a diploma from the Canton College of Pharmacy and had been with the hospital since 1936. She remained there up to the occupation.

Miss Tang Yuk-chun, dispenser of the Tung Wah Hospital, said

Chinese Estates' Annual Meeting

Owing to various restrictions imposed by the Japanese it was not possible to convene any meeting of shareholders during the period of the occupation, and the Profit & Loss Account for the fiscal year had been made out of figures available since Sept. 15, 1945, on which date the old Hong Kong banknotes were proclaimed to be legal tender again. Japanese military yen prior to that date had been entirely written off.

The above remarks were made by Mr. Leung Kwai-tin who presided at the 19th Ordinary Yearly Meeting of shareholders of Chinese Estates Ltd. (owners of China Building) held yesterday at the registered office of the Company.

Mr. Leung Kwai-tin was supported in the chair by Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Li Yik-mui, Mr. Leung Ting-kai, Mr. Fung Ping-fan and Mr. Li Ka-ze.

The Chairman said that damage to China Building during the occupation was slight. Parts of walls, windows and doors were broken or rendered defective by explosions of bombs dropped in the vicinity during 1945, and repairs were being effected.

The net profit for the year, after providing for Directors' and Auditor's fees and all expenses, was \$61,298.24. The amount was too small to warrant any provision to be made from it for Reserve for Depreciation on China Building, and it was decided to give prior consideration to shareholders who had received no return on their capital for several years. It was accordingly proposed

that she graduated from the Canton Municipal Professional College in Pharmacy in July, 1934. She had been working in the Military Hospital in Canton from 1934 to 35. She joined the Tung Wah Hospital in 1936 and worked there until 1941.

She made four prescriptions of quinine substance on Feb. 12. As the dispensary was short of quinine tablets that day, she used powder instead. She used the powder which was given to her as quinine.

Compensation

After the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of death by manslaughter by taking a dose of strychnine instead of quinine. After the verdict, the jury added a rider stating that in future the hospital should analyse all medicine left by the Japanese.

Mr. M. K. Lo addressed the Court and said that the committee of the Hospital expressed their deepest sympathy. On behalf of the hospital, the committee had decided to pay as compensation to the family of the victim, \$1,000 to each adult victim, and \$500 for each of the child victims.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

PROCLAMATION NO. 4

DELEGATION OF POWERS (AMENDMENT)

ARTICLE 3

REGULATION NO. 1—PRICE CONTROL

NOTICE

In pursuance of the powers vested in me under paragraph 2 of the above-mentioned Regulation, I, ALEXANDER BURGESS, Colonel, Civil Affairs, Supplies, Transport and Industry, DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the Schedule to the above-mentioned Regulation contained in a Notice made under the same Regulation on the 3rd day of December, 1945, is hereby amended by the addition of the following item, viz:—

Schedule

Commodity	Maximum Retail Price
Aerated Water	HK \$0.60 per pint bottle
" " " " " "	HK \$0.80 " " " " " " Iced
" " " " " "	HK \$0.45 " " " " " " split " " Iced
" " " " " "	HK \$0.65 " " " " " " Iced

GIVEN under my hand at HONG KONG this 26th day of April, 1946.

A. BURGESS,

Colonel, (C.A.)

Supplies, Transport & Industry.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

IN THE MATTER OF The Alien Enemies (Winding Up) Ordinance, 1940

and

Hong Kong Products Association (Matsukaya) (In Liquidation)

NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the creditors of the above-named alien enemy firms, whose assets are being liquidated under the above-named Ordinance, are required, on or before SATURDAY, the 27TH day of APRIL, 1946, being the day of that purpose fixed by LANE CRAWFORD LTD. of Exchange Building, 1st floor, Hong Kong, the Liquidators of the said firms, to send their names and addresses, and the particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, if they have not already done so, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said liquidators, are by their solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 18th day of April, 1946.

For Lane Crawford, Ltd.,

A. W. BROWN,

Liquidators.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION HONG KONG

Works Branch—Civil Affairs.

NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that commencing at 7.30 p.m. on 27th April 1946, and until further notice, the water supply on the Island and Mainland will be shut off nightly between the hours of 7.30 p.m. and 6.30 a.m.

J. FORBES, (Lt./Col.)
WATER AUTHORITY.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

Department of Imports & Exports

Importers and exporters of goods are reminded that under the Registration of the Imports and Exports Ordinance they are required to file the proper declarations within 48 hours of the arrival or departure of the ship carrying the goods. It is realised that in many cases owing to mail delays full details are not available but it is essential that details which are available should be filed within the stipulated time.

H. A. TAYLOR,
Superintendent,
Imports & Exports.
Hong Kong, April 26, 1946.

NOTICE

FUEL CONTROL

(Coal & Firewood) Section

A limited quantity of Hongkong Anthracite Smokeless Briquette Fuel (Hongkong Eggs) is now available to the public at the controlled price of \$12.00 per picul—delivered to consumers' households or premises in Hong Kong or Kowloon, FREE OF DELIVERY CHARGES.

Enquiries and orders to Fuel Control, Dept. of S.T. & I., Mercantile Bank Bldg., 2nd fl., Queen's Road, Central, Hong Kong.

K.C.R. Station, Kowloon.
Phone No. 32551.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION (HONG KONG)

NOTICE

LEGAL BRANCH

URBAN COUNCIL ORDINANCE, 1935

For the purpose of constituting the second part of the register under the above-mentioned Ordinance, written applications will now be received by the undersigned at the Courts of Justice, from all male persons of any of the following classes:

(a) unofficial members of the Executive or Legislative Council;

(b) persons of sound mind who have previously been included in the Jurors Lists but have been omitted or removed therefrom on account of age or infirmity, or on account of exemption from jury service granted by the Governor in Council or by the Court;

(c) barristers and solicitors in actual practice and the clerks of solicitors in actual practice;

(d) persons registered under Section 4 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884, or under the Dentistry Ordinance, 1914, or under the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1916;

(e) editors and sub-editors of daily newspapers published in the Colony;

(f) clergymen of the Church of England, Roman Catholic priests, and ministers of any congregation of Protestant Dissenters or of Jews, acting as such in the Colony;

(g) professors and other academic officers of the University of Hong Kong;

(h) masters of schools which are certified by the Director of Education as not being vernacular schools;

(i) certified officers of the British Mercantile Marine; and

(j) officers and non-commissioned officers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, Commissioned and Warrant Officers of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, and also such other members of the said Corps or of the said Force as shall have been exempted from Jury Service by the Governor in Council;

Provided that no person who is in the service of the Crown, and whose whole time is at the disposal of the Crown, shall be entitled to be included in the said register.

Written applications should reach the undersigned not later than the 30th day of June, 1946.

Dated: the 26th day of April, 1946.

H. A. de Barros, Botelho,
Acting Registrar,
Supreme Court.

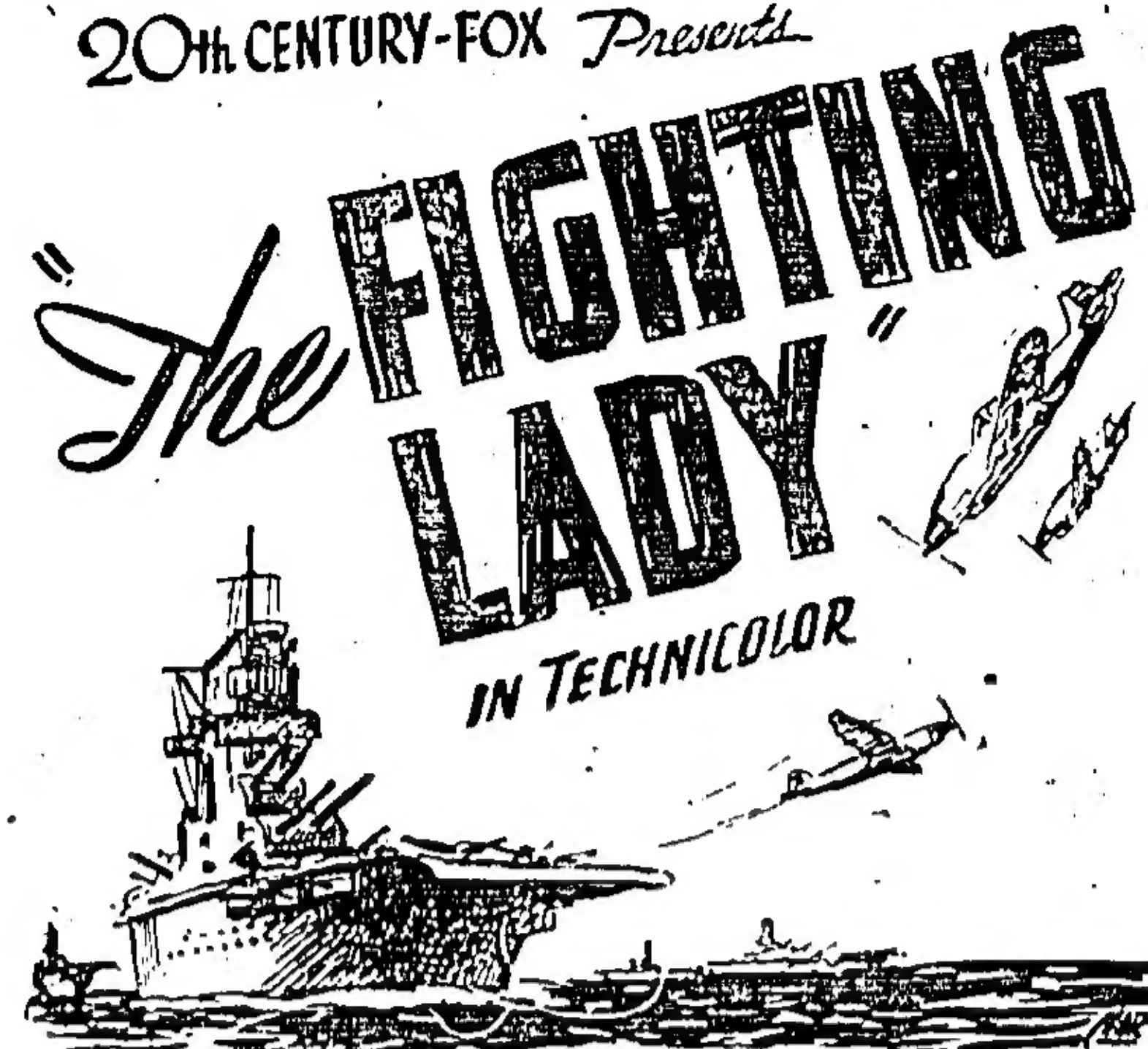
POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

OUTWARD MAILS

Saturday, 27th April.			
Macao & Teishan	Kwong Fook Cheung	9.00 a.m.	
Kongmoon	Men Hing	9.00 a.m.	
Shanghai	City of Lille	10.00 a.m.	
Swatow	Lee Ming	10.00 a.m.	
Saloon	Helikon	2.00 p.m.	
Straits	Edwin	2.00 p.m.	
Airmail for Canton & Shanghai	C.N.A.C. Plane (Reg.)	3.15 p.m.	(Ord.)
		3.30 p.m.	
Canton	Fathian	4.00 p.m.	
Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America via Vancouver, B.C.	Leaside Park (Parcels)	5.00 p.m.	(Reg.)
		5.00 p.m.	(Ord.)
		28.4 Noon	
Sunday, 28th April.			
Macao & Teishan	Kwong Sai	9.00 a.m.	
Saloon	Edna	10.00 a.m.	
Shanghai	City of Lille	10.00 a.m.	
Takao (Formosa)	Tak Hing Wo	1.00 p.m.	
Kongmoon	Pook Hoi	4.00 p.m.	
Canton	By Train	4.00 p.m.	
Monday, 29th April.			
Macao & Teishan	Kwong Fook Cheung	9.00 a.m.	
Teamkong (Kwongchow Wan)	Aug Foc	10.00 a.m.	
Airmail for London, Singapore, Durban, Rangoon, Calcutta, & Sydney	By Air (Reg.)	1.45 p.m.	(Ord.)
Wuchow (Kwongai Province)	Wing Sing	3.00 p.m.	
Airmail for Canton & Hoihow	O.N.A.C. Plane (Reg.)	3.15 p.m.	(Ord.)
		3.30 p.m.	
Canton	Sai On	4.00 p.m.	
Tuesday, 30th April.			
Airmail for Shanghai	C.N.A.C. Plane (Reg.)	9.15 a.m.	(Ord.)
		9.30 a.m.	
Hai Phong & Saigon	Sarpen	10.00 a.m.	
		9.45 a.m.	(Parcels)
Straits & United Kingdom	H.M.S. Argonaut (Reg.)	9.45 a.m.	(Ord.)
		10.00 a.m.	
Shanghai	Poochow	9.00 p.m.	
Bangkok	Ninghai	9.00 p.m.	
Airmail for Chungking & Kungming	C.N.A.C. Plane (Reg.)	3.15 p.m.	(Ord.)
		3.30 p.m.	

TO-DAY AT 2.30, 5.15, 7.15 & 9.15 p.m.
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 SCENES NEVER BEFORE PASSED BY CENSOR.
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 TOWN BOOKING OFFICE
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 BETWEEN 11.00 A.M. AND 5.00 P.M. DAILY
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CLAUDETTE FALLS RIGHT ON HER... HEART!
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 LAUGH... SWING... THRILL
"GEORGE WHITE'S SCANDALS OF 1945"
 JOAN DAVIS—JACK HALEY
 Featuring GENE KRUPA & HIS BAND
 An R.K.O. Radio Picture.

Involved Problems In Pacific Defence

LONDON, APRIL 26.
 DISCUSSIONS ON PACIFIC DEFENCE PROBLEMS WERE CONTINUED AT TODAY'S MEETING OF THE EMPIRE PREMIERS WITH MR. CLEMENT ATTLEE AND OTHER BRITISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN PACIFIC DEFENCE ARE SO GREAT AND FACTORS AFFECTING THE SITUATION SO MANY, INCLUDING THE FUTURE OF JAPAN, AND OF OTHER TERRITORIES WITHIN THE AREA, AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC AND MANPOWER SITUATION WITHIN THE EMPIRE AS A WHOLE, THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON DEFENCE ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

Salvation Army Election

Sunbury, Apr. 26.
 Forty-seven members of the Salvation Army High Council, who have come from every continent, assembled here today for the first meeting of a ten-day session to select a new General to succeed General George Carpenter, who has retired from the post.
 The first conference since 1939, it was opened today by Commissioner Charles Baugh, Chief of Staff, Commissioner F. Dyer, Great Britain, was elected President of the Council for the current session with Lieutenant-Commissioner Norman Marshall, United States, as Vice-President.
 Nominees for the generalship are likely to be members of the High Council, but an act of Parliament in 1931 provides that he or she can be anyone, not necessarily a member of the Salvation Army. Each nominee will be expected to answer fully to questions on policy and will be asked to make a statement; for once elected, the General is the supreme head and the High Council has no more to say.
 Only one member of the Council, Lieutenant-Commander Harwood from Australia, was unable to attend the session. Two delegates from the United States, Commissioner C. Pugmire, and Commissioner T. W. Wilson, have brought their wives.—Reuter.

Noel-Baker Takes Part In Rescue

London, Apr. 26.
 Blown over the edge of a ridge by a sudden violent gust while climbing the great Gable Mountain in the Lake District yesterday afternoon, Captain Wilfred Noel-Baker, British Minister of State, and C. A. Elliott, Headmaster of Eton College.
 Captain Noel-Baker, 28-year-old son of Sir Frank Noel-Baker, of Surrey, suffered fractures of his right leg and shock due to prolonged exposure in bitter weather.—Reuter.

MISSING BANKER'S ART COLLECTION
 Vancouver, Apr. 26.
 The problem of the disposal of the \$250,000 art collection belonging to Henri Bar, wealthy Shanghai banker, has apparently been solved.
 Charles Claudon, French Consul-General here, said yesterday that a Paris dispatch reported that Bar's son was on route from Toulon, France, to Paris, to arrange to obtain possession of the collection.
 Bar disappeared on April 17 at sea from a passenger freighter en route from Shanghai to Vancouver.—Associated Press.

BRITISH NOTE TO POLAND
 London, Apr. 26.
 A note was handed yesterday to the Polish Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs by the British Ambassador in Poland, which reminded the Polish Government of its various undertakings that elections should be held at an early date under conditions of freedom. It was officially stated in London today.
 There is reason to believe that Britain has been somewhat disturbed by recent reports of the arrest on April 8 of over 60 members of the Polish Christian Socialist Party.—Reuter.

U. S. PURCHASES AUSSIE LAND
 Canberra, Apr. 26.
 The United States has opened negotiations with the Australian Government for the purchase of Australian real estate, to be paid for with surplus American army goods, millions of dollars worth, which is still in the country.
 The property which the United States plans to buy would provide permanent offices for American diplomatic staffs and homes for United States officials stationed here.—Associated Press.

Combatting V.D.

Frankfurt, Apr. 26.
 Army medical officers yesterday recommended that the United States occupation troops in Europe be given plenty of work on drill as a means of fighting the excessive venereal disease rate and implementing General McNarney's disciplinary crackdown.
 He said the venereal rate was now 211 cases per 1,000 men yearly.—Associated Press.

New Light Automobile

Detroit, Apr. 26.
 Half a dozen or more lightweight economy model automobiles designed to sell in a price range lower than any now produced probably will make its appearance next year.

It will be one of the results of the recent Chevrolet and Ford disclosure that their cars in that field will be introduced in 1947.
 Although none other long established car maker has admitted plans for such production all are known to have carried on experiments with models devoid of price increasing refinements and frills that competition has brought from year to year to vehicles in their present low prices. There may be some small cars with units of smaller wheel base and wheel engines. So far as has been disclosed, however, the models projected by Chevrolet and Ford are to be full-sized vehicles.
 Trade sources say that the potentialities of the lower priced car marked for is far reaching to ignore. So it is fair assumption that by the time Ford and Chevrolet bring out their cars in that class, Subark, Nash, Hendon, Whitley's and perhaps even Packard will have competitive models ready.—Associated Press.

Cairo Talks Behind Veil Of Secrecy

Cairo, April 26.
 Close secrecy is still being maintained by all concerned in the talks for revision of the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of 1936, which have now been in the informal stage here for over ten days.

Members of the Egyptian delegation appear to have been sworn to secrecy by their leader, Sidky Pasha, Prime Minister, and neither they nor the British delegation have disclosed anything of the talks now in progress.
 Rumours circulating in Cairo range from agreement on the basis of negotiation to disagreement verging on rupture.
 The facts emerging through this tangle of reports appear to be that, though an agreement has not yet been reached on the bases for discussion, many obstacles have been cleared from the path of the negotiators. It is hoped that when the expected fresh instructions from London arrive, a definite move will be made to establish the bases and agenda for the negotiations.
 The situation is complicated by disagreement within the Egyptian delegation, centring round the order in which the points for negotiation are to be graded.
 All Or Nothing
 Sidky Pasha has tried to persuade the delegates to accept the principle of taking up first the withdrawal of the British forces from Egypt, and only then the Egyptian demand for union with the Sudan.
 On the other hand, Ali Maher Pasha, former Premier, and Markam Edeld Pasha, another former Premier, are both deeply committed by public utterances to the slogan of Unity of the Nile Valley. They are urging that such matters should be discussed together.
 They are reported to be insisting that the delegation should follow the line of either obtaining everything Egypt wants, or else accepting nothing.
 Some members of the Egyptian delegation are said to be wavering between the two viewpoints.—Reuter.

Rail Strike Decision

Cleveland, Ohio, Apr. 26.
 A nation-wide railroad strike to start May 13 was ordered today by the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and Locomotive Engineers.
 The unions, representing nearly 300,000 railroad workers, ordered the walkout after rejecting recommendations of the presidential fact-finding board for a wage increase of 16 cents an hour and changes in some of the working rules.
 The two brotherhoods originally called the strike for last month but postponed it pending recommendations of the fact-finding board.
 Government seizure of the railroads appeared a possible step for averting the strike.—Associated Press.

REFUGEES IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Apr. 26.
 Eight hundred and eighty Jewish refugees including 500 children arrived with Palestine immigration certificates on board a French ship at Haifa from Marseilles yesterday.
 They are from various European countries and many had been inmates of Nazi concentration camps throughout the war.—Associated Press.

Palembang Refinery Still Out

Singapore, Apr. 26.
 Restoration of the main oil refineries in Indonesia will not begin until there is a political settlement of the present difficulties in Indonesia, state oil company executives in Singapore.
 Although a certain amount of oil is being produced at Tarakan, in Dutch Borneo and at Miri, Sarawak, restoration has not yet begun of the giant refinery at Palembang, in Sumatra.

The biggest in the East, the Palembang refinery was operated by the N. V. Nederlandsche Koloniale Petroleum Maatschappij, a subsidiary of Standard-Vacuum. The installation was restored by the Japanese in 1943, but was later damaged by strikes carried out by the British East Indies Fleet.
 Oil stocks left by the Japanese are still being used in the South East Asia area, with some replacement imported by Shell and Standard-Vacuum from the Persian Gulf.

Strict rationing for civilian consumption is expected throughout the area until the refineries in Sumatra and Java and restored, and until tanker losses are replaced.—Reuter.

COLONIAL PROPOSALS

Dar-es-Salaam, Apr. 26.
 A conference here of the East African Arab Association has unanimously agreed on the principles of the British Colonial Office's White Paper proposals for inter-territorial reorganization in East Africa, which include the creation of an East African High Commission, consisting of the Governor of Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika, and a central legislature.—Reuter.

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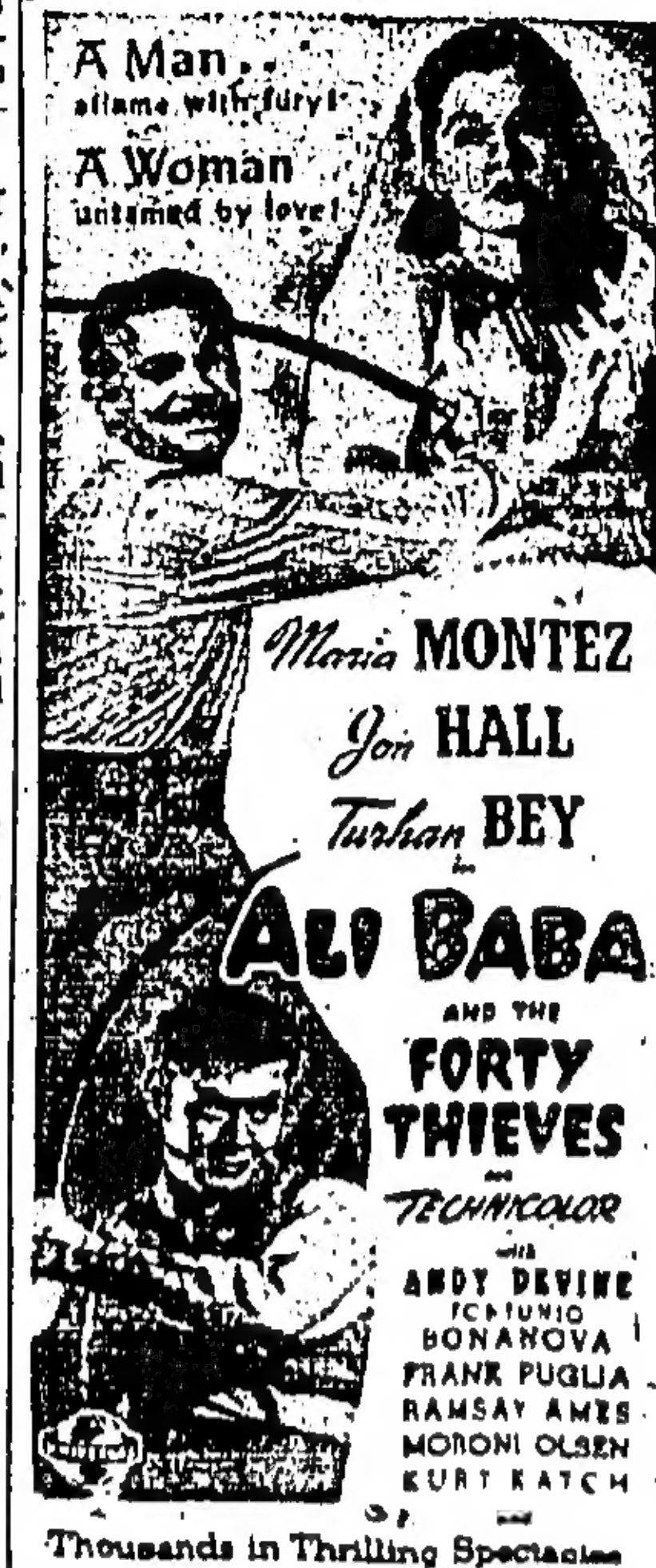
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2.30 p.m. in the offices of
the Chamber of Commerce,
Room 303, Hong Kong &
Shanghai Bank Building, to
nominate a Member of the
Legislative Council.

Notice in writing of the
Names of Candidates and their
Proposers and Secondors to be
lodged with the Secretary of the
Chamber of Commerce at least
48 hours before the time
appointed for holding the
Meeting.

By Order,

M. F. KEY,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, April 26, 1946.

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U.S. Proposal For Tariff Abolition

WASHINGTON, APRIL 26.

A PROPOSAL THAT ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES JUNK
THEIR TARIFFS IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE
ECONOMIC RECOVERY OF THE CONTINENT, HAS
BEEN DRAFTED BY SECRETARY OF STATE JAMES
BYRNES, TO PRESENT TO THE PARIS FOREIGN
MINISTERS MEETING.
THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS WOULD BE SPREAD
OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

BRIDGE NOTES

South played today's hand in
"wide open" style, but it was a
case in which desperate measures
were required:
South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

S. A Q 7 4 3
H. 10 8
D. 8 5 4
C. 7 5 4

S. K 10 6
H. 9 8 4
D. 10 9 3
C. K 10

S. J 9 8
H. 7 6 5
D. 7 2
C. Q 9 7 3

S. 5 2
H. A K 6 2
D. A K 3
C. A J 8 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1H Pass 1S Pass
2NT Pass 3NT Pass
Pass Pass

West led the Queen of dia-
monds, and South shuddered
when he saw the dummy. He
could see two heart tricks, two
diamonds and about one club
trick. Four spade tricks were
needed to produce the game, for
the other suits could obviously
produce little but the high cards.
How was he to get four tricks
out of so ragged a suit? To be-
gin with, he had to hope that
the King was in the West hand, so
that a finesse would succeed.
Then, in addition, he had to hope
that each opponent had three
spades. And even if conditions
were ideal, he still had to play
the suit correctly.

The important point in the play
of the spade suit was to play a
low spade from each hand, allow-
ing the opponents to win the
trick. South did that, and won
the diamond return. Then he led
his remaining spade, took a deep
breath, and finessed the spade
Queen.

If it failed, he would never get
to dummy again and would be set
four tricks. But the spade Ace
cleared the suit. South therefore
made his three no-trump contract.
Note, however, that if South had
tried to win the first spade trick
he would have lost the contract.
The finesse would have succeeded,
but South would have been unable
to get to dummy after establish-
ing the spade suit.

Yesterday you were Howard
Schenken's partner and, with
neither side vulnerable, you held:
S 8
H A J 6 3
D K 9 8 4
C 9 6 3 2

The bidding:
Schenken Jacoby You Maier
Pass 1S Pass 2C
2D Pass (7)
ANSWER: Bid three diamonds.

It's unlikely that your side can
make a game, but your bid may
"box" the next player out of the
auction. It has the further value
of indicating to your partner the
availability of a sound suit for a
sacrifice if need should arise.
Score 100 per cent for three
diamonds, 50 per cent for pass,
30 per cent for two hearts.

Question
Today you hold the same hand,
and the bidding continues:
Schenken Jacoby You Maier
Pass 1S Pass 2C
2D Pass 3D 3S
Pass 4S (7)
What do you bid? (Answer
Tomorrow).

20TH. CENTURY SUBSIDIARY SALE

New York, Apr. 25.
The 20th Century Fox an-
nounced today that its theatre
subsidiary, the National Theatres
Corporation, has conducted
arrangements for private sale for
\$20,000,000 of the principal
amount of its debt obligations to
the Metropolitan Life Insurance
Co., the Bank of America and
the Chase National Bank.
The obligation bears an average
interest cost of about 2.32 per
cent.
Approximately \$7,800,000 of
the proceeds will be used to pur-
chase from the present holders a
like amount of mortgage bonds.—
Associated Press.

NEW LEVER FIRM

London, Apr. 26.
Lever Brothers Limited and
Unilever Limited, one of the
world's largest manufacturers of
soap products, announced yester-
day the organization of a new
firm called Unilever Export Lim-
ited. The £240,000,000 parent con-
cern now operates plants in the
United States and many other
countries.—Associated Press.

Filibuster

Washington, Apr. 26.
Senator Bilbo, Democrat of
Mississippi, took the floor
yesterday against the British
loan proposal and served no-
tice that it may take him un-
til next week to discuss it
thoroughly.
Senator Bilbo in the past
has filibustered against mea-
sures he disliked. He started
talking this time after Sena-
tor Taft, Republican of Ohio,
expressed his opposition to
the British loan. Senator Taft
proposed an outright gift of
\$120,000,000 instead of the
\$375,000,000 credit proposed.
—Associated Press.

Firm Stand By Lewis

Pennsylvania, Apr. 26.
John L. Lewis, president of the
American Federation of Labourers
and United mine workers, told
the opening session of the Anthracite
and Bituminous Coal Workers
Convention yesterday that 400,000
striking bituminous workers will
continue to strike until their con-
tract demands have been met.
"It may be a week, a month or
even six weeks, but operations in
the bituminous industry will con-
tinue to be stopped," Lewis told
the convention.
Lewis blamed the United States
Steel Corporation for the coal
deadlock. He said that "this huge
corporation is holding the line
against the UMW and any agree-
ment on mine safety and human
welfare, and no ordinary coal
producer dares to defy it to settle
the strike."

The corporation spokesman re-
frained from comment. Steel in-
dustry representatives have re-
ported that the dwindling coal
supplies are threatening a com-
plete shutdown of many indus-
trial plants.—Associated Press.

N.Y. STOCK MARKET

New York, Apr. 25.
Prices continued to stumble in
today's market in the New York
Stock Exchange although excep-
tions were plentiful and late sup-
port cut early losses which ran
to four or more points.
Adams Express \$22 1/2, Alaska
Juneau \$9 1/2, American Can \$90,
American Waterworks \$25 1/2,
Anacosta Copper \$40 1/2, Borden
Co. \$52, Commercial Solvents \$24,
General Electric \$46, General
Motors \$73 1/2, Goodrich \$81, Good-
year \$73 1/2, Homestake Mining
\$39 1/2, International Tel. & Tel.
\$25, Kennecott Copper \$58 1/2,
National Lead \$37 1/2, New York
Central RR \$26 1/2, Packard Motors
\$9 1/2, Pan American Airways
\$21 1/2, Southern Pacific \$57 1/2,
Standard Oil of Calif. \$55 1/2,
Union Carbide \$110 1/2, Youngs-
town Sheet & Tube \$70 1/2.—Asso-
ciated Press.

WESTINGHOUSE LOAN

New York, Apr. 25.
The Directors of Westinghouse
Electric have approved an agree-
ment for a loan of \$8,000,000
effective May 1. The loan was
arranged through the Chase Na-
tional Bank, acting for itself and
54 other banks. Westinghouse
workers have been on strike for
100 days.
The Directors declared a divid-
end of 25 cents a share each on
common and preferred stocks pay-
able on May 29 to holders on
record as from May 7. Similar
payments have been made during
previous quarters.—Associated
Press.

CANADIAN LOAN FOR FRANCE

Paris, Apr. 26.
M. Andrei Philip, Finance
Minister, announced in the French
Assembly today that Canada had
granted a loan of \$240,000,000 at
three per cent.
The loan is to be spent on pur-
chases in Canada.
M. Philip stated that the work
of M. Leon Blum's mission to the
United States was progressing
satisfactorily, but that it would
still be some weeks before its
results were known.—Router.

WARNERS STOCK

New York, Apr. 25.
Warner Brothers proposes to
increase the common stock from
7,500,000 shares to 10,000,000
shares.
The Company also proposes to
increase the dividend rate by de-
claring a quarterly dividend pay-
able in October of 37 1/2 cents a
share on common stock after the
split up.
Warner Brothers voted a regu-
lar quarterly dividend of 50 cents
a share payable on July 3.—As-
sociated Press.

N. Y. COTTON

New York, Apr. 25.
Cotton futures prices rallied
briskly today on a flurry of mill
and New Orleans buying follow-
ing early declines.
May \$27.85 bid-cents, per
pound, July \$27.92, October
\$27.04, December \$27.04, March
\$28.00, May \$27.07, 1946/47, Spot
\$28.00.—Associated Press.

Unfrozen

Washington, Apr. 26.
The U.S. Treasury yester-
day announced the unfreezing
of the assets of Czechoslo-
vakia and Luxembourg in
the United States.
These countries had reported
and the Treasury, that they
are liberalizing restrictions
on transfers of funds to
the United States.—Associa-
ted Press.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

Arrivals

Yesterday:—U.S. L.S.T.'s 634,
618 and 668, U.S.S. Norris, U.S.S.
Ashtabula, H.M.S. Hart with
M.F.V. 1071 from Thursday Is-
land, U.S. L.S.T.'s 614, 660 and
664, S.S. Foochow from Singa-
pore, U.S.S. Parks, U.S.S. Taren-
ton from Singapore and L.C.I.
(L) 172 from Canton.

Scheduled Arrivals

Tomorrow:—H.M.S. Banfield
from Shanghai and H.M.S. White-
bird from Batavia.

Departures

Yesterday:—H.M.S. Voryan
Bay and H.M.S. Whitesand Bay
for Sydney, R.F.A. Wave Em-
peror for Singapore, M.F.A. Salt
Flat for Kure and U.S.S. Norris
and U.S.S. Baby for Shanghai.

Scheduled Departures

Today:—L.S.T.'s 8, 9, 303, 324
and 383 for Subic, S.S. Tonfor
for Kijima and Shanghai, U.S.S.
Kaskaskia for Bahrain and S.S.
Tsinan for Swatow and Shanghai.

BETHLEHEM STEEL

New York, Apr. 26.
Bethlehem Steel Corporation
today reported its first quarter
income at \$4,804,000, equal to
\$1.07 per common share, compared
with \$2.08 per share in the first
quarter of 1945 and \$3.29 per
share in the final quarter of 1945.
The directors declared the usual
dividend of \$1.50 on the common
stock, payable May 1.
In the first quarter of 1946,
ordinary costs were increased as
a result of strikes which reduced
income for that period.—Associa-
ted Press.

N. Y. EXCHANGES

New York, Apr. 25.
Foreign Exchange Market:—
T.T. on Montreal \$90.87 1/2, Lon-
don \$4.03 1/2, Paris \$0.84 1/2, Buenos
Aires \$24.40, Rio de Janeiro \$5.25,
Mexico \$30.05.—Associated Press.

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Cabinet Mission Has Busy Day

New Delhi, April 26.
The Cabinet Mission had a two-hour talk this morning with Field Marshal Lord Wavell, the Viceroy, discussing various alternative proposals, and this afternoon they conferred among themselves.
Both Moslems and Hindus held important meetings today. Before attending a meeting of the Congress Working Committee this afternoon, Pandit Nehru, one of the Congress "Inner Cabinet," had half an hour's talk with Sir Stafford Cripps.

Explosion

Gravesend, Apr. 26.
Ten fishermen were killed in an explosion which blew up the trawler "Earl of Essex" in the North Sea on Wednesday. A lone survivor of the crew and when he reached port yesterday.
The survivor, George Taylor, said he thought the vessel struck a mine.—Associated Press.

U.S. Looting In Japan?

Moscow, Apr. 26.
The Communist Party organ "Pravda" said yesterday that reports reaching Dairen, Manchuria, indicated that the American military authorities are systematically confiscating gold, silver and other property from the Japanese.
The "Pravda" correspondent in a story headlined "Americans continuing to carry off assets from Japan" said that quantities of platinum, silver and gold had been taken by Americans at Atami, Sendai and Tsiba.
The writer also referred to the recent operations by Americans in dredging up from the bottom of Tokyo Bay the first of what was supposed to be two billion dollars' worth of platinum, gold and silver sunk there by the Japanese.—Associated Press.

And A Denial

Tokyo, April 26.
Allied Headquarters wearily repeated today a statement made last month that the United States is not removing valuable metals from Japan but is placing them in Bank of Japan vaults under guard until the Allied powers decide on their disposition.

The statement came from Lieut.-Colonel D. H. Jennings, in response to a request for a comment on the "Pravda" dispatch that American military authorities were "confiscating" gold, silver and other property.
Shortly after the occupation forces had landed the Japanese Government was directed to turn over its stocks of valuables to Allied Headquarters.
Jennings said the Americans were seeking those valuables which Allied Headquarters know have not been turned in.—Associated Press.

Things Could Be Worse

Singapore, April 26.
Although 70 new British buses will be on the roads by July, public transport in Singapore will not be back to normal until the latter half of 1947.
Making this statement, Mr. A. A. Ewing, General Manager of the Singapore Traction Company, main operators of public transport in Singapore, said that a further 100 British buses are on order, and 50 trolley buses are expected to be in service early next year.
Trolley buses which were due to be scrapped in 1942 are still in service, though subject to constant breakdown.
Petrol rationing for the private car owner in Malaya is expected to continue until Indonesian oil refineries are working again.—Reuter.

NEW UNRRA MEMBERS

London, Apr. 26.
The European committee of the U.N.R.R.A. yesterday voted to admit observers from Italy and Austria to future meetings.
A resolution was passed welcoming the admission of Turkey, the latest addition to the U.N.R.R.A. Council.—Associated Press.

The Working Committee of the Moslem League was meeting tonight, and afterwards Sir Stafford Cripps, who was last night the guest of Pandit Nehru, was dining with Dr. Jinnah, the Moslem League president.

Sir Stafford had a two-hour talk last night with Dr. Jinnah, after he left Pandit Nehru, and it is understood that he then discussed the question of bringing the Congress and Moslem League leaders to negotiate a communal settlement.

No authoritative indication is available of the outcome of the talks, but a Moslem League spokesman reiterated that the League will take a stand against entering into negotiations in which Dr. Abul Kalam Azad, Congress president, who is a Moslem, acted as representative of the Congress Party.

This spokesman suggested that Mr. M. K. Gandhi be selected by Congress to negotiate with Dr. Jinnah.

Delhi Separatists

Such an arrangement, he said, would be in accordance with the precedent established at the second Round Table Conference, at which Mr. Gandhi, who was not the Congress president, was nevertheless the sole Congress representative.

It is reported today from Bombay that a movement for the creation of a separate Delhi province, which would have a population of 20,000,000 of whom nearly three-quarters would be Hindus, has been revived.

Mr. Gandhi and Dr. Jinnah both supported the claim for a separate Delhi province when the constitutional future of India was discussed in London at the Round Table Conference over 12 years ago.—Reuter.

Smaller Loaf, Same Price

London, April 26.
The British Government announced last night a 12½ per cent. cut in the use of flour for domestic bread production and a 15 per cent. cut in the amount of barley.

The new grain economy, listed in a statement from 10 Downing Street, will give British housewives a standardized bread loaf reduced now from two pounds to one and three quarters pounds without reduction in price.

The new measures followed the Cabinet consideration of "what additional contribution the United Kingdom, as an importing country, can make to assist the countries faced with acute shortages," the announcement said.
The Cabinet also confirmed its previous decision to divert to needy countries 200,000 tons of grain from local stocks and from shipments scheduled to arrive here during April and May.
Replacement of these diversions is being guaranteed by the United States and Canada.—Associated Press.

CAMP FOR NAZIS

Munich, April 26.
A former displaced persons camp at Moench, 20 miles north-west of Munich, has been turned over to the German Provincial authorities for the internment of former Nazis, it was reported here today.
Approximately 100,000 former Nazis are expected to be interned in camps throughout Bavaria after the German-manned de-Nazification Boards get to work.
The internees will be employed in clearing air raid rubble and doing reconstruction jobs.—Reuter.

"UNSATISFACTORY" Russian Note On Manchuria

Reply To U.S. And Britain

WASHINGTON, APRIL 26.
THE STATE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED FROM MOSCOW TODAY A STATEMENT ON RUSSIAN POLICY IN MANCHURIA WHICH AMERICAN OFFICIALS REGARD AS UNSATISFACTORY, IT WAS REPORTED ON EXCELLENT AUTHORITY.
THE NOTE WAS IN RESPONSE TO THE AMERICAN MESSAGE TO THE RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY EARLY IN MARCH WHICH ASKED THE RUSSIANS WHAT WAS GOING ON IN MANCHURIA.

Today's reply, the text of which was not made public, was regarded by some authorities here as virtually a rejection of the American protest over the richest and most highly developed area in Asia.

The United States, in effect, had accused Russia of removing most of the industrial equipment during the Red Army occupation of Manchuria. The Russians were also accused of having tried to work out exclusive ownership arrangements with China, controlling vital power plants, iron, steel and other industries.

In a note early in February the United States had objected to these arrangements as being out of line with the cooperative allied handling of assets in territory which is essentially Chinese and problems which are supposed to be decided by all allies.
In a note early in March the United States and China allegations against Russia saying the Red Army was removing from Manchuria as "war booty" all Japanese enterprises which had rendered services to the Japanese army.

One possibility being considered is that Secretary of State Byrnes might take up the issue informally with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov in Paris.
American policy in Manchuria as reported by officials in Washington is:—

(1) To try to get an Allied agreement on the disposition of properties there.
(2) To lay down a long-range economic policy, based on Chinese control of Manchuria, with safeguards against any kind of exclusive agreement which would delay opportunity for American investment and commercial operations.—Associated Press.

Not Satisfactory

London, April 26.
The Soviet Union has replied to the British note of March 9 protesting against the removal of Japanese industrial plants and equipment from Manchuria and it is reliably understood here that the Soviet reply is not completely satisfactory.

The British attitude, defined by Foreign Minister Bevin in the House of Commons on March 6 and since repeated by other Government spokesmen, is that the "disposal of Japanese assets is a matter for discussion and settlement between Allied nations."

Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent writes: "Until the matter can be settled in this way, Britain believes that states should return the assets on a custodian basis."—Reuter.

BAVARIANS TO VOTE

Munich, April 26.
About half a million Germans will go to the polls in Bavaria on Sunday, it is estimated here. This will be the second free

Sparrows

Catterick, Apr. 26.
The chirping of sparrows nesting in the roof of a gymnasium at Catterick Camp here where a British Court martial was in session drove the court to a canteen building today.
The sparrows frequently interrupted the evidence yesterday. A microphone and loudspeakers were installed today but the bird chatter still drowned the human voices.—Reuter.

THEY HAD THE QUEUE HABIT

London, Apr. 26.
The old song "Yes, we have no bananas" was revived last night at a meeting of indignant housewives from Hornsey, North London, who convened to discuss their perennial queues.

One of the harassed tradesmen summoned to hear the complaints told housewives that they were letting the war-conditioned queue reflex get the better of them. For many years the tradesman had had an artificial clump of bananas in his window. Last week he sent them away to be repainted and they returned, fresh and ripe looking, in a barrow.

A couple of passing housewives, glimpsing the appetizing looking prop, immediately formed a queue. The queue grew and grew and could not be dispersed until the tradesman invited one of the queueers to try to take a bite out of one of the bananas in the "consignment."—Reuter.

election to be held this year after an interval of 13 years in the state whose cafe was the birthplace of Nazism.—Reuter.

Indonesia Talks Show Progress

The Hague, April 26.
Shortly after the three members of Dr. Sjahrir's Indonesian Cabinet, who had been in Holland for talks with the Dutch Government on Indonesia's future, had left today on their return journey to Batavia, an official announcement was issued, stating that although not all differences could be bridged, progress was made on several points.

The Dutch Government now has the opportunity to place the problem before Parliament in all its aspects, which will serve as the basis for Dr. van Mook, Lieutenant-Governor General of the Netherlands East Indies, to continue discussions in Java, the statement added.

The suggestions brought to Holland by Dr. van Mook had the immediate purpose of making possible the end of hostilities. The Government's statement of Feb. 10 (which offered dominion status within the Dutch empire with later choice between continuance of that status or independence) still forms the basis of discussion on the status of Indonesia, the statement said.

Lieutenant-Colonel Surio Santoso, one of the Indonesian advisers to Dr. van Mook, told the Netherlands News Agency that Indonesians who opposed Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, Prime Minister of the "Indonesian Republic," would one day have to be fought. If Netherlands troops took part in such fighting it should be regarded as action against terrorists and not as colonising action.

"The Netherlands must not forget how much they and Indonesia depend on each other," said Colonel Santoso.

"If both parties work together honestly, happiness and prosperity are possible for both."
Dr. Soewandi and Dr. Soedarsono, spokesmen of the Indonesian delegation, said in an interview that the populations of the islands were opposite of hostile towards the republic. There was too great a tendency to dispose of reports of clashes by ascribing them to extremist infiltration.

The dispatch of Dutch troops to the East Indies had not contributed towards a better atmosphere.
The aim of the republic was the recognition of Indonesia by the world as a fully fledged state and nation.—Reuter.

Von Blomberg Was Framed

Nuernberg, Apr. 26.
Hans Bernd Gisevius, former German secret police official, yesterday testified flatly before the International Tribunal that Marshal Hermann Goering engineered a frame-up in 1938 which resulted in the dismissal of the War Minister, Field-Marshal Werner von Blomberg, and Colonel-General Werner von Fritsch, the Wehrmacht's chief-of-staff.

He said that Goering had von Fritsch denounced in Hitler's presence as the perpetrator of an atrocious homosexual attack when the actual culprit was one captain, von Fritsch.

He said that after von Blomberg married the young daughter of a carpenter, Goering showed Hitler false police files that the bride had been a prostitute who lived in several large cities.

Then after Hitler scanned the files, he had a nervous breakdown and decided to dismiss von Blomberg immediately.—Associated Press.

LANA TURNER AS SPEECH-MAKER

New York, Apr. 26.
Film actress Lana Turner will share honours with leading U.N.O. delegates at a dinner here today, celebrating the first anniversary of the San Francisco Conference.
Sir Alexander Cadogan, British representative, Edward Stettinius (United States) Henri Bonnet (France) Quo Tai Chi (China) and Gromyko (Soviet Union) as well as Miss Turner are expected to make speeches.—Reuter.

Southampton, Apr. 26.
Sir Gordon MacDonald, former Northwest Regional Controller of the Ministry of Fuel and Power, sailed from Southampton tonight aboard the liner Aquitania to take up his post as Governor of Newfoundland.—Reuter.

RADIO

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1946.
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1.30 p.m.—News & Announcements.
1.30 p.m.—Debroy Fomera Band.
1.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Selections.
2.00 p.m.—Class Down.
6.30 p.m.—You Used To Dance To.
7.00 p.m.—Romance & Rhythm—M. S. 1.
7.15 p.m.—Artie Shaw and His Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—Studio "Quinz"—Royal Observatory, Kowloon v. H.M.S. "Argonaut".
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
8.15 p.m.—London Philadelpia Orchestra.
8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"Vie Olives Introducing".
9.15 p.m.—Music Time—ENSA.
9.45 p.m.—Violin Solos by Kraler and Mowbray.
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.
10.05 p.m.—Variety & Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—Class Down.

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SPORTS SECTION

MILITARY RACE MEETING

The following are entries and probable starters for the Military Race Meeting to be held at the Happy Valley Race Course tomorrow afternoon:—

First Race, 2 P.M.
Newbury Nursery—Five Furlongs. Weight and Distance Handicap for Mongolian Ponies. Prize Value: Winner \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.
Shamney (Scr.), A.B. Hodgman, 150 lb.; Gypsy (Scr.), A.B. Towler, 140 lb.; Jonah (Scr.), L/Cpl. James, 155 lb.; Happy (30), Capt. Klein, 150 lb.; Jeanie, (50), Lt. Pearn, 150 lb.

Second Race, 2.40 P.M.
Biometer Handicap—Six Furlongs. Weight and Distance Handicap for Class III Ponies. Prize Value: Winner \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.
Betsy (Scr.), A.B. Wright, 150 lb.; Mary (Scr.), L/Cdr. Parker, 150 lb.; Maria (Scr.), S/Ldr. Jones, 150 lb.; Goldy (Scr.), L/Cpl. James, 155 lb.; Flicker (30), Col. Foster, 150 lb.; Mouse, (30), Capt. Klein, 155 lb.; Tojo (30), A.B. Towler, 140 lb.

Third Race, 3.20 P.M.
Harcourt Cup—Seven Furlongs. Weight and Distance Handicap for Class I Ponies. For a Cup presented by H.E. the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, K.C.B., C.B.E., R.N., and Prize Value: Winner \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.
Autumn Rose (Scr.), Major Hodgman, 145 lb.; Jackie (Scr.), Cdr. Gregory, 175 lb.; Mayfair (Scr.), Major Gaskell, 148 lb.; Prince (Scr.), W/Cdr. Chadwick, 175 lb.; Responder (Scr.), 150 lb.; Tony (Scr.), S/Ldr. Jenkins, 145 lb.; Jacobus (Scr.), Col. Foster, 148 lb.; Sanci (30), Cdr. Courage, 175 lb.

Fourth Race, 4.00 P.M.
Fitchley Plate—Five Furlongs. Weight and Distance Handicap for Class II Ponies. Prize Value: Winner \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.
Marry (Scr.), L/Cdr. Parker, 155 lb.; Maria (40), S/Ldr. Jones, 150 lb.; Tom (40), Capt. Raymond Smith, 170 lb.; Moses (100), W/Cdr. Chadwick, 175 lb.; Starlight (Scr.), Cdr. Gregory, 175 lb.; Nigger (40), Col. Foster, 150 lb.

Fifth Race, 4.40 P.M.
Reynolds Kurler—About Seven

H.M.S. Tyne Soccer Shield Final

In the final of the inter-part football shield final of H.M.S. Tyne, Seamen beat Engine Room Mechanics by three clear goals after a goalless first half.

The game was witnessed by a fair number of naval men and among those present were Rear-Admiral E. R. Archer, R.N., Capt. S. Boucher, R.N., H.M.S. Tyne, Commander J. Mowlan, R.N., H.M.S. Tyne and Commander Robertson-Aikman, R.N., H.M.S. Tamar.

The game was keenly and cleanly contested and on the whole the Engine Room displayed better football but their opponents were faster. In the first half Engine Room did more of the attacking and only splendid work by Green in goal and Gamble in the pivotal position with Murray on his right prevented them from scoring.

Green in the Seamen's goals brought off several good saves and did well to save a tricky shot from Hawkins early in the game.
After a goalless half during which their goal had several narrow escapes Hubbert opened the scoring for Seamen after Duggan had missed two good chances. Not long after Seamen went further ahead through Duggan and before she and Jones netted from the right-wing.

Seamen—Green; Jones and Hubbert; Murray, Gamble (Capt.) and Lawrence; Jones, Kelly, Foster, Duggan and Hubbert.
R.E.M.—Ramadon; Cotton and Jones; Kelly, Whitehead, Halpin, Alsworth, Rees (Capt.), Trv. Nevell and Hawkins.
Referee—C.P.O. Rogers.
Linesmen—C.P.O. Watson and P.O. Taylor.

Furlongs. Weight and Distance Handicap for Class IV Ponies. Prize Value: Winner \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.
Marry (Scr.), L/Cdr. Parker, 155 lb.; Maria (40), S/Ldr. Jones, 150 lb.; Tom (40), Capt. Raymond Smith, 170 lb.; Moses (100), W/Cdr. Chadwick, 175 lb.; Starlight (Scr.), Cdr. Gregory, 175 lb.; Nigger (40), Col. Foster, 150 lb.

SOCCER SHIELD FINAL TODAY

The replay of the final of the football shield competition between Navy "B" and No. 1 Commandos will take place this afternoon at 5 p.m. at Causeway Bay.

The game last week ended in a three all draw, Navy equalising in the closing minutes of full time. Several chances are expected in both teams, owing to departures and injuries but a good and hard game is assured.
At the conclusion of the game General F. W. Fostling, G.O.C., will present the Sincere Perfumery Co. Shield to the winners and Souvenirs to both teams.

The following is the Navy team: "B"—Dax; Hogg and Walker; Hodges, Carr and Archer; Crawford, A. M. Eves, Wills, A. B. Eves and Fraser.

Davis Cup Prophecy

Paris, Apr. 26.
Jean Brugnon, non-playing captain of the French Davis Cup team and one of the famous French tennis "Musketeers," thinks that the United States will win the Davis Cup from Australia this year.

He based this assumption on the high standard of play of the leading United States players. Brugnon admits that he has no intimate knowledge of the Australian players, but puts his faith in an American victory because of the undoubted prowess of such available players as Frank Parker, Ted Schroeder and Jack Kramer.

"Parker, Schroeder and Kramer," says Brugnon, "are brilliant all-round players and have all the shots. I have seen them and I know them. It is difficult to choose between the three."
"Personally I think Kramer can become another Donald Budge. He has the temperament, an all round repertoire of strokes and an appreciation of position with a quick and acute discernment of any possible perkiness in an opponent's game."
The French captain sums up by saying that the standard of American tennis was nearly as good as ever it was.—Reuter.

U.S. Baseball

New York, Apr. 26.
The Boston Red Sox swamped the New York Yankees on Thursday when Johnny Pesky of the Red Sox hit two doubles and two singles and Eddie Pellagrini Doubled, tripled and hit a home run. Detroit defeated the St. Louis Browns with a two-run rally in the eighth inning. Cullenbine of the Tigers hit a home run. The Chicago White Sox battered four pitchers to beat the Cleveland Indians. Hal Trosky of the White Sox scored a home run.
The Philadelphia-Washington game was postponed because of rain.

American League Scores
R. H. E.
New York 12 18 0
Boston 5 9 2
Detroit 6 10 0
St. Louis 5 11 1
Chicago 11 17 2
Cleveland 2 9 3

Rookie Ralph Kiner paced the Pittsburgh Pirates to win over the St. Louis Cardinals when he riddled out a 4-0 home run hit with one man on base.
The Boston Braves edged out the New York Giants. Cincinnati beat Chicago for the second time in 26 games.
Brooklyn-Philadelphia game postponed; rain.

National League Scores
R. H. E.
St. Louis 3 7 0
Pittsburgh 5 9 2
Boston 5 12 2
New York 6 11 1
Cincinnati 7 10 1
Chicago 5 11 3

—Associated Press.

Home Soccer

London, Apr. 26.
Football results played today were as follows:
League South—Brentford 0, Luton 1.
Scottish Victory Cup, first round, second leg—Hamilton 0, Aberdeen 2; Dumbarton 1, Ardrie 1; Partick 7, Clachnacuddin 1; Albion Rovers 1, Clyde 2; Morton 4, Ayr 2; Celtic 6, St. Johnstone 0; Hearts 5, Alloa 0.—Reuter.

London, Apr. 26.
Mid-week sports meetings were blamed for the large part of absenteeism in the British coal industry today by Mr. J. McAlpine, President of the Federation of Colliery Deputies Association.
"Failure of miners to attend work constitutes a violation of the nation's interests," he warned.—Reuter.